

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of National Brotherhood Week

I call upon all citizens of Minnesota to join with the National Conference of Christians and Jews and all forces of good-will in the observance of American Brotherhood Week from February 16 - 23.

Brotherhood has too often, in the past, been regarded as merely a commendable ideal. Today, it is more than just an ideal. With the atomic bomb, the rocket and other horrible weapons now in the hands of mankind, it is an absolute necessity. We must recognize that, should hate, intolerance and bigotry light the flames of armed conflict again, it will surely toll the doom of civilization.

Time is short, then let us learn to live together. A war-weary world looks to America for the inspiring example of democracy in practice. Tolerance, justice, strictness and cooperation stir new hope in the hearts of all people of the world. We in Minnesota must do our part. The way lies through practicing democracy on our own streets, in our homes, our schools, our churches, our clubs and our business.

Not many months ago we were fighting a war that the spirit of brotherhood might live. Names on thousands of white crosses in every part of the world testify that Americans of diverse religious faiths, races and origins gave their lives to win victory.

American Brotherhood Week is a time to ask ourselves if we have truly kept faith with those who died that we might live as a free people. It is a time to re-consecrate ourselves to living by Christian principles of brotherhood every day of the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the State the ninetieth.

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Wm. J. [Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE

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