

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

A Declaration of National Family Week

WHEREAS, the family is the most important unit of American life in the preservation of our finest ideals, in developing the character of our children, and in the building of a wholesome, steadfast society which can withstand the stresses and strains of a complex world; and

WHEREAS, certain dangerous trends in divorce, broken homes and juvenile delinquency reflect the vital need for a better appreciation of the intrinsic values of home life; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we devote our utmost time and energies to the task of removing these threats to family life by convincing all people to understand the importance of strong family ties and to a joint realization of the tragic fate which will be ours if we neglect the welfare of the family; and

WHEREAS, these great groups representing differing religious faiths of our nation have united in efforts to nurture family life by dedication of a special week for contemplation of the importance of home and family and the taking of steps to better this phase of our life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEITH W. YOUNGDAHL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do call upon all citizens to join in the observance of

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

from May 4 to 11, 1947 and to foster the building of family life as the true foundation of the state.

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 first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and of the State the sixtieth.

Leith W. Youngdahl
GOVERNOR

APPROVED: Miss Helen
SECRETARY OF STATE

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