

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

A Proclamation of China Friendship Day

WHEREAS, one of America's most favorable assets to the friendship of the Chinese people. It is a boundless reservoir of security and peace. We must not dissipate this golden asset through carelessness or indifference. During their courageous fight for freedom, the Chinese people always looked upon us as true friends. Finally we were in the struggle side by side and together we were victorious. Together we must help to build a lasting peace.

WHEREAS, the campaign to raise funds for services to China, now in progress in Minnesota, is part of a nation-wide drive. The Chinese people are in need of our help in their grave hour of trial. This effort offers every American citizen an opportunity to maintain and strengthen the bonds of friendship between our people and the Chinese. In one short-existing effort a number of long-established, well-organized groups are combining to help the Chinese help themselves by training Chinese leadership in the fields of medicine, cooperativism, public health, child welfare and general rehabilitation.

LET, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR W. VANDERKAM, Governor of the State of Minnesota,

do hereby designate the period from June 22nd through June 28th as

"CHINA FRIENDSHIP WEEK"

and urge the generous support of the people of this State, so that we may take our rightful place in their worthy national attempt to repay a debt of the whole world to a patient, courageous and long-suffering people. Our efforts will constitute a sound investment in the future.

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 twenty-third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the State the ninetieth.

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Arthur W. Vandekam

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