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STATE OF MINNESOTA *Franklin D. Roosevelt*
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for American Heart Month

WHEREAS, disease of the heart and blood vessels constitutes our nation's most important medical and public health problem in that it affects more persons than any other disease and leads all others as a cause of death; and

WHEREAS, in this period of mobilization, cardiovascular diseases constitute a major threat to our national manpower reserve and to the health and efficiency of our productive labor force; and

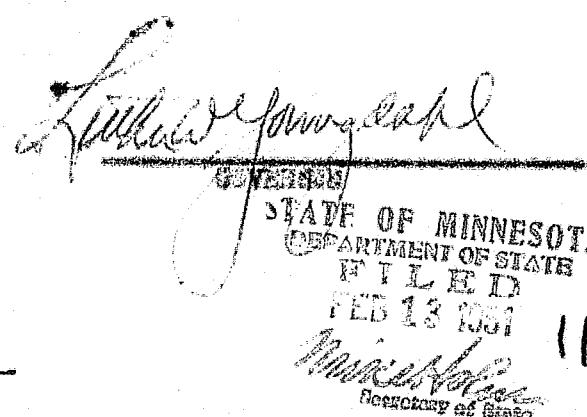
WHEREAS, the month of February each year is sponsored by the American Heart Association and its affiliate, the Minnesota Heart Association, for the purpose of focusing public attention on the medical, social and economic aspects of this primary health problem, and of reminding the nation that solution depends upon the fullest cooperation of the people, schools, government, and health and welfare agencies;

I, THOMAS J. MEEHAN, Governor of the state of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1961, to be

"AMERICAN HEART MONTH"

I further call upon schools, churches, scientific bodies, civic associations, business establishments, and other organizations and the people of the State of Minnesota generally, to observe this American Heart Month with appropriate activities.

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 this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fifty-one and of the state, the ninety-third.



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GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA