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A Proclamation for "Western Union Centennial Month"

- WHEREAS, Western Union through its pioneering efforts completed the first transcontinental telegraph on October 24, 1861, uniting the east and west; and
- WHEREAS, Western Union provided the first national high-speed communication system thus greatly aiding the development of new communities and areas and the expansion of the young nation's commerce and industries; and
- WHEREAS, Western Union has advanced the art of telegraphy from the era of Morse dots-and-dashes to the present when high-speed facsimile can send 1,000 words in a minute; and
- WHEREAS, Western Union has doubled its message-carrying capacity since World War II and by means of its present high-speed system of automatic telegraphic transmissions now affords the best and fastest telegraph service in the world, capable of meeting both peacetime and emergency demands;

Now, therefore, I, LEWIS L. WHEELER, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1961, as

"Western Union Centennial Month"

in recognition of the contributions made to the nation by Western Union.

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 thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-one and of the state, the sixty-third.

Lewis L. Wheeler
GOVERNOR

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