

STATE OF MINNESOTA

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A Proclamation for "Rural Electric Cooperative Week"

WHEREAS, Rural Electric Cooperatives have made an outstanding contribution during the past twenty years to the economic welfare of nearly 200,000 Minnesota farm families, only 6.6 per cent of which had the benefits of electricity in 1935, as compared to 96.3 per cent at the present time; and

WHEREAS, this phenomenal development has resulted in a higher standard of living, has brought to rural Minnesota countless conveniences which make life easier, healthier and happier, and has enabled a substantial increase in production; and

WHEREAS, these achievements have been made through cooperative organizations operating on the basis of truly free enterprise, not subsidized by the government but owned and controlled by their members;

WE, THOMAS E. GORTON, G. Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 to May 14, 1955, as

"RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WEEK"

and proclaim May 11, 1955, which is the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of Rural Electric Cooperative, as

"RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DAY"

and urge that in recognition of this anniversary, attention be given to the accomplishments of the Rural Electrification Program and its contributions to economic and social progress in Minnesota and throughout the United States.

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 twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five and of the state, the ninety-seventh.

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*G. Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Secretary of State

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