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Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State

A Proclamation for "Farm Safety Week"

- WHEREAS, farm accidents strike one of every four farms in Minnesota every year causing untold suffering, the loss of life, and the loss of valuable productive time; and
- WHEREAS, agriculture is one of the most dangerous of all occupations, ranking third among all industries in the nation in occupational death rates; and
- WHEREAS, failure to observe safety rules and precautions on the farm and in the farm home is largely responsible for these deaths and disabling injuries; and
- WHEREAS, it is in the power of every farm family to reduce the toll of accidents and the resulting deaths and injuries by knowing how to prevent accidents and constantly bearing in mind the slogan, "Your safety is in your hands";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning July 24, 1955, as

"FARM SAFETY WEEK"

and I urgently request everyone connected with farm life in any way to join in a campaign to reduce the tragedies and losses caused by needless farm accidents. I further urge that this week be the beginning of year-round vigilance against farm accidents of eliminating hazards, of taking proper precautions, and of the constant cultivation of careful work habits and attitudes that will reduce our appalling farm accident toll.

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 nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five and of the state, the ninety-eighth.

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR