

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 30, 1956, will mark the 50th anniversary of the signing by President Theodore Roosevelt of the first Federal Food and Drugs Act, amended and reenacted in 1938 as the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the Federal Meat Inspection Act; and

WHEREAS, 1956 will also mark the 50th anniversary of the organization today known as the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the purity, integrity and abundance of our food, drug, and cosmetic supplies are unequalled in the world today and stand as a tribute to the industries producing them; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and protection of the purity and integrity of our food, drug, and cosmetic supplies are essential elements of our national strength, safety, and economic welfare; and

WHEREAS, for this protection we are indebted to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, who, as crusader for the first federal legislation, became known as the father of the pure food and drug law; to the distinguished and dedicated public servants at all levels of government who have administered these laws over the years, and especially to the officials charged with this responsibility in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; and to the leaders in industry who have supported the enactment and improvement of these laws and have cooperated in their enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 24 - July 1, 1956, to be

"FOOD AND DRUG LAW GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY WEEK"

and I request the appropriate officials of the State of Minnesota and all the citizens of Minnesota to cooperate in the observance of that week.

I also urge all industrial, business, professional, labor, agricultural, educational and civic groups, and the people of Minnesota generally, to observe 1956, as an Anniversary Year with gatherings, discussions, exhibits, and other appropriate commemorative activities to foster public understanding of the benefits derived from Federal, State and local food, drug, and cosmetic laws.

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 and fifty-six and of the state, the ninety-eighth.

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

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