

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "American Red Cross Week"

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, from its inception, has been dedicated to bringing aid and comfort to the suffering, the anxious, distressed, and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis and emergency the Red Cross is a steady bulwark providing purpose and confidence to every relief operation, and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross represents an outstanding example of the American tradition of private individuals banding together to work for the common and public good, and

WHEREAS, seventy-five years ago on May 21st, Clara Barton and a group of friends formed the first Red Cross Chapter,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 21, 1956, as

"AMERICAN RED CROSS DAY"

and the week of May 21 - 28, 1956, as

"AMERICAN RED CROSS WEEK"

and urge all citizens to aid and cooperate with the blood contribution, water safety, first aid training, and other programs of the American Red Cross.

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 eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and of the State, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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