

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for Mary McLeod Bethune Commemoration Week

WHEREAS, May 18, 1957 marks the day on which one of America's outstanding leaders in education and community affairs, Mary McLeod Bethune, died; and

WHEREAS, during her lifetime she built Bethune-Cookman College, served as Director of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration, founded the National Council of Negro Women and the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, participated as well in many other organizations dedicated to building a better community for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Negro Women is carrying on the epicardic tradition begun by Mrs. Bethune and initiating programs throughout the country to educate citizens and to assist their aid in solving the many social problems with which each community is faced; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Negro Women is sponsoring its second Mary McLeod Bethune Commemoration Week during May 19 to 25, 1957;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 to 25, 1957, as

MARY MC LEOED BETHUNE COMMEMORATION WEEK

and urge all citizens to note both her accomplishments and the contributions now being made by the Council she founded.

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-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and of the state, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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