

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for Independent Telephone Week

WHEREAS, sixty years ago the independent telephone industry became organized and recognized as an industry and the United States Independent Telephone Association came into being; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening years the independent segment of the telephone industry has grown until today independent companies serve about 9,000,000 telephones and have an aggregate plant investment of \$8,325,000,000, more than 100,000 employees and over 200,000 stockholders; and

WHEREAS, there are 4,400 independent telephone companies which provide telephone service through 10,070 public telephone exchanges to people living in two-thirds of the geographical area of the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, there are 236 independent telephone companies in the great St. of Minnesota, owning and operating 532 exchanges serving some 210,000 Minnesota telephones; and

WHEREAS, independent telephone companies along with their manufacturers, suppliers and related firms are a vital, vibrant part of the American free enterprise system and are entitled to credit for numerous significant technological developments in the art of telephony such as the origin of the dial telephone, developments in collective ringing on multi-party lines, subscriber toll dialing, automatic toll dialing; and

BEFORE, WHEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, the week of September 8 - 14, 1957, as

INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE WEEK

and urge that fitting and proper tribute be paid during this sixteenth anniversary observance of the Independent Telephone Industry.

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, St. Paul, on this twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and of the state, the one hundredth.

ATTEST:

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State