

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY

WHEREAS, the founding fathers of this nation held that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;" and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln in his first message to the congress of the United States defined the high purposes of our people as "a struggle for maintaining in the world that form and substance of government whose leading object is to elevate the condition of man; to lift artificial weights from all shoulders; to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all; to afford all an unfettered start and fair chance in the race of life;" and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1957, on the 94th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's memorable Gettysburg address, the National Urban League will focus attention throughout these United States, on positive efforts to insure fair and equal treatment to all citizens, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 19, 1957 as

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in Minnesota and urge each citizen to remind himself that the greatness of our country rests upon the principle of equal opportunity for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this first day of November 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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