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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Joseph L. Saravanan
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR "NAACP GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY"

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was organized as the result of a call issued by 55 distinguished Americans on February 12, 1909, the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the national conference held in response to this call laid the basis for an organization designed "to promote equality of rights and eradicate caste and race prejudice among the citizens of the United States; to advance the interest of colored citizens; to secure for them impartial suffrage; and to increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before the law"; and

WHEREAS, that organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has, for a half-century, consistently worked for these objectives within the framework of the American constitutional system using the courts of the land, sponsoring civil rights legislation and appealing to the conscience of the American people; and

WHEREAS, many racial barriers have been leveled as the result of the dedicated work of the NAACP which has greatly strengthened our American democracy;

NOW, HEREBY, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the twelfth day of February, 1959 as

"NAACP GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY"

and do hereby urge the citizens of Minnesota to observe the 50th anniversary of the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through support of the ideals of the Association and participation in activities celebrating the event throughout the year of 1959.

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 eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine and of the state, the one hundred first.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Saravanan
SECRETARY OF STATE

ATTEST: