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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SOCIAL HYGIENE DAY

WHEREAS, family breakdown is among America's most serious social problems and broken homes, delinquency and emotional and mental illnesses have created a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, while the marriage rate in the United States was the same in 1955 as in 1900, the rate of divorce tripled in the same time -- the delinquency rate from 1940 to 1955 increased fifty-percent although the number of children under eighteen rose only five percent; and

WHEREAS, the cherishing, servicing and strengthening of the child and his family is a challenging task for the community with its resources and for the schools with their resources; and


WHEREAS, the 21st Wednesday of April will mark the twenty-third observance of National Social Hygiene Day and will focus community attention on preventing family breakdown through educational and supportive measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 29, 1959 as


MINNESOTA'S SOCIAL HYGIENE DAY

and enjoin our citizens to mark its observance and to invest their talents and energy in programs designed to remove obstacles to fine family living and to strengthen the fabric of family life.

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


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE