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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joseph L. Dawson
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR "EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND WEEK"

- WHEREAS, our nation is engaged in a struggle for survival in which every element of our national life is being tested, and in which the total manpower of the nation must be developed to its fullest potential to preserve the values that we hold dear; and
- WHEREAS, the educated blind, despite their handicap, are an important part of our society that has proved its ability over the years to contribute to our national life; and
- WHEREAS, the maximum contribution of the blind can only be achieved through improved processes of education which will enable them, despite tremendous difficulties, to achieve their full productivity as human beings; and
- WHEREAS, a great new tool in education for the blind is the recorded textbook, a project presently being conducted by Recording For The Blind, Inc., now being utilized at the college level, shortly to be extended to public school students; and
- WHEREAS, the success of this effort to provide recorded educational materials for every blind student in the country will contribute materially to our resources and to our strength in the struggle for national survival;

NOW, WHEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of May 10 - 22, 1959, the anniversary of Thomas Alva Edison's prophetic words in the North American Review of May-June, 1878 that: "Books may be read by the reader...and the record of such books used...by the blind," as


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and urge every citizen of the State of Minnesota, whether an employer or employee, farmer or housewife, teacher or doctor, or whatever may be his calling, to do everything in his power to advance the cause of Education for the Blind.

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 fifth day of May 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