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Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR "RAGWEED CONTROL MONTH"

- WHEREAS, the air-borne pollen granules of ragweed are the chief cause of late summer hay fever and asthma; and
- WHEREAS, asthma now ranks third in the list of chronic diseases (preceded only by heart disease and cancer), which can result in death; and
- WHEREAS, it has been found that the number of cases of late summer hay fever and the severity of the disease varies in direct proportion to the amount of ragweed pollen in the air; and
- WHEREAS, doctors of preventive medicine state that in hay fever it is better to treat the environment instead of the patient; and
- WHEREAS, the economy of our State is affected by reason of time lost from employment by hay fever and asthma sufferers; and
- WHEREAS, ragweed control concerns rural as well as urban communities, since the weed robs the soil of nutriment and moisture; and
- WHEREAS, June is National Ragweed Control Month;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 1959 as

"RAGWEED CONTROL MONTH"

and urge all people and public spirited organizations to support this program both by direct action and by acquainting others with the benefits of weed control.

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 seventh day of May 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

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE