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A PROCLAMATION FOR "WORLD REFUGEE WEEK"

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Secretary of State

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 5, 1958, adopted a resolution for a World Refugee Year to begin in June, 1959, and urged members of the United Nations and its specialized agencies to cooperate, in accordance with the national wishes and needs of each country and from a humanitarian point of view, in promoting a World Refugee Year as a practical means of securing increased assistance for refugees throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, the United States, consistent with its traditional principles of humanity, sympathy, and interest in the welfare of other peoples of the world, co-sponsored and supported the resolution for a World Refugee Year; and,

WHEREAS, the aims of the World Refugee Year are to focus interest on the refugee problem; to encourage additional financial contributions from governments, voluntary agencies, and the general public for solution of the problem; and to provide additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions, through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration, with due regard for humanitarian considerations and in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves; and,

WHEREAS, there has been established a United States Committee for Refugees, composed of prominent citizens and representatives of American voluntary welfare agencies, which has expressed a willingness to assume major responsibility for organizing and assisting in the plans for participation of United States citizens in the World Refugee Year; and,

WHEREAS, the excellent work of the United States Committee for Refugees has been recognized by the extension of its activities beyond World Refugee Year, for the reason that the work undertaken by this Committee has not been completed in that several millions of refugees still possess neither home nor country; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota must assume its fair share of responsibility in this humanitarian project;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the period from June 23 to 30, 1960, as World Refugee Week; and I urge all citizens of our state to support generously, either through the voluntary welfare agencies set up for that purpose or through the United States Committee for Refugees, the programs developed by the Minnesota Division-American Association for the United Nations and other organizations working toward the solution of the refugee problem. These state groups, acting with the help of the citizens of our state, will, I am confident, continue this great humanitarian effort until the refugee problem has been totally resolved.

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 thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty and of the State the one hundred third.

Orville L. Freeman

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan

SECRETARY OF STATE

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