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A PROCLAMATION FOR "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY"

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of this Nation hold that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness"; and,

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln in his First Message to the Congress defined the high purposes of our people as "a struggle for maintaining in the world that form and substance of government whose leading object is to elevate the condition of man,...to afford all an unfettered start and fair chance in the race of life"; and,

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower has stated: "...Today, when our national strength is being tested at every point, every American who helps, even in the smallest way, to make equality of opportunity a living fact, is helping America and is strengthening her against our enemies in the cause of freedom..."; and,

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1960, the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's memorable Gettysburg Address, the National Urban League will focus attention throughout these United States on positive efforts to insure fair and equal treatment to all citizens, regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to set aside a day to remind ourselves that the greatness of our country rests upon the principle of equal opportunity for all;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 19, 1960 as

"EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY"

and urge every citizen of the State of Minnesota to do everything in his power to advance this truly American cause of equal opportunity, so that all Americans will understand and appreciate the great advantages of our democratic way of life, and will also assume the responsibilities essential to the preservation of our freedom.

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 twenty-fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty and of the State the one hundred third.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Joseph L. Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE