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A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, it is the custom each year for our Nation to set aside a week dedicated to the furthering of interest in the work of our public libraries, and

WHEREAS, the contribution made by our public libraries in every field of endeavor is a vast and necessary one, and

WHEREAS, it is too often taken for granted the availability of books, pamphlets, magazines, and all other written communications, unobscured, and within reach of every member of the general public, and

WHEREAS, in recent years the citizens of Minnesota have read more public library books than ever before in history, and

WHEREAS, in just four years, through the dedicated service of those connected with our public library system, the percentage of people without public library service has been reduced from 26% to less than 1% of our population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 through April 29, 1961, to be

"NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

In Minnesota and commend it to the attention of our citizens as a time to recognize and encourage the important contributions made to the maintenance of our free society by those who, with loyalty and devotion, work toward a better informed and more widely educated citizen through the system of our public libraries.

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 twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one and of the state, the one hundred third.

Elmer L. Andersen
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