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A PROCLAMATION FOR "BRIDGES OF HUMANITY" WEEK

- WHEREAS, in this contest of the Cold War, the United States stands for freedom and concern for the cause of the countless millions who are victims of Communism's abominable slavery, and
- WHEREAS, no other nation in all history can match the record compiled by the United States in rebuilding war-torn countries, feeding hungry millions and performing human works of mercy, and
- WHEREAS, the people of America have always held closely to world leaders who have served the cause of peace, justice and all humanity, and
- WHEREAS, the Scandinavian heritage has played a dominant role in molding the character of America, and
- WHEREAS, the admiration of countless Americans was inspired by the work of Fridtjof Nansen of Norway, when one hundred years ago, he served all humanity as a statesman, scientist, explorer and first high Commissioner for Refugees of the League of Nations, and
- WHEREAS, it is time for such admiration to be renewed, not only to pay tribute to the memory of Fridtjof Nansen but to instill awareness in all of us that only by serving humanity can we serve the interest of peace with justice,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Hanson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby set aside the week of October 15 through October 21st as

"BRIDGES OF HUMANITY" WEEK

and ask all our citizens to evidence renewed dedication to the cause of the world's oppressed men, women and children seeking vigorously to provide assistance and home for those people as well as to stand up bravely for the cause of freedom as opposed to the ruthless force of aggression.

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

Elmer L. Hanson
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Hanson
SECRETARY OF STATE