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A PROCLAMATION FOR "ALCOHOLISM INFORMATION WEEK"

- WHEREAS, alcoholism has been recognized as a disease which ranks among the four major health threats, along with cancer, mental illness and heart disease, and
- WHEREAS, alcoholism afflicts directly 5,000,000 Americans, and the cost of alcoholism in human suffering, in disintegration of family life, in economic attrition to the individual and the community is incalculable, and
- WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism has for 17 years provided through its information centers and other resources a three-pronged program of education, community service and research to bring understanding to our citizenry of the dangers of this destructive but treatable disease, and
- WHEREAS, the Information and Referral Resource for Problem Drinkers, Family Service of St. Paul, affiliated with The Greater Saint Paul Community Chest and Council, and the St. Paul Committee on Alcoholism has instituted in St. Paul its second annual Alcoholism Information campaign to focus public attention on one of America's gravest health threats,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 26 to December 3, 1961, as

"ALCOHOLISM INFORMATION WEEK"

and urge the men and women of our communities to support this campaign to alert our citizens to the dangers of alcoholism.

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 26th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, and of the state, the one hundred fourth.

Elmer L. Andersen
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE