PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, February 8, 1962, is the fifty-second anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by the Congress of the United States of America as a program for all boys, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scout program has affected the lives of over 34,000,000 boys and men since 1910, and now has an active enrollment of more than 5,500,000 of whom 100,000 are active in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the movement has inaugurated its new program of emphasis entitled, "Strengthen America...Character Counts" by which it aspires to "Build a Strong America...Serve the cause of democracy...and...Achieve the purposes of Scouting",

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7 through 13 as BOY SCOUT WEEK and acclaim its new program since the first line of our nation's defenses lies in the character of its people and of the oncoming generation. I do urge our citizens this year to recognize the important part the family plays in the development of boys, of Scouting, and the American way of life; further that they appreciate and support the unselfish patriotic service rendered to our state and nation by the volunteer leaders of this great movement; and also the assistance given by religious bodies, school organizations, veterans associations, fraternal groups, and service clubs that sponsor our Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Explorer units.

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 eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and of the State the one hundred fourth.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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