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A PROCLAMATION FOR "FIGHT LEUKEMIA WEEK"

- WHEREAS, the dreaded blood disease, Leukemia, killed 13,000 Americans last year, mostly children, and its incidence has increased sharply each year; and
- WHEREAS, only medical research provides hope to discover the still unknown cause of Leukemia and to develop improved methods of diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention; and
- WHEREAS, St. Jude Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., is the only institution in the world whose complete clinical and basic research facilities are devoted exclusively to making war on Leukemia; and
- WHEREAS, the ALSAC, Aiding Leukemia Stricken American Children, organization provides a strong defense against Leukemia by supporting the St. Jude Hospital research program; and
- WHEREAS, ALSAC -- a national, nonsectarian, charitable organization founded and headed by the noted entertainer and humanitarian Danny Thomas -- annually conducts a drive to assist St. Jude Hospital in its battle against Leukemia; and
- WHEREAS, ALSAC is almost entirely a voluntary organization, a fact which allows more than ninety percent of all funds raised to be allocated for research purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 2 through September 9, 1962 as

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in Minnesota, and I urge all citizens, schools, churches, business establishments, and scientific, social, civic, and fraternal organizations to give this drive their support and cooperation.

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 fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and of the State the one hundred fifth.

Elmer L. Andersen
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE