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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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J. L. Anderson
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR FAIR HOUSING SABBATH

WHEREAS, our country is dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal under the Fatherhood of God, and that all men are entitled to the blessings of Divine Providence without discrimination as to race, color, creed and national origin; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has always been in the forefront of the struggle for human rights, a struggle that was born of our ancestors' determination to preserve their own liberty and which continues to the present day; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota distinguished itself last year by becoming the seventh State in the nation to announce its intention--in terms of unmistakable clarity--to provide protection for all its citizens from any possible discrimination in housing on a basis of race, color, creed or national origin; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's "Fair Housing Act" becomes operative on the last day of this calendar year and implementation of the law must come from the willingness of all our citizens to cooperate for their common protection as well as the belief that discrimination practiced against any individual is a threat to all; and

WHEREAS, the wholehearted support of all our citizens must be enlisted to make this legislation effective for the protection of all our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 29 and Saturday December 30, 1962, as "FAIR HOUSING SABBATH" in Minnesota and urge all our citizens, individually and in their churches, civic groups, temples, and service organizations, to join together on the weekend the law becomes operative to spread knowledge and increase the understanding of this beneficial legislation; to pay tribute to our heritage of equality of opportunity and to reaffirm our determination that discrimination on basis of race, color, creed and national origin be eradicated from the earth. I further ask that appropriate recognition be given to the Act in church and civic ceremony at this time, using this Sabbath as the beginning of the educational drive for the Fair Housing Act.

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 tenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and of the State, the one hundred fifth.

Elmer L. Andersen
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE