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- WHEREAS, it is the policy of our state to protect and expand opportunity for all people and to provide assurances of justice and human dignity for our fellow Americans; and
- WHEREAS, it is our individual duty to help secure for our fellow citizens their full and unalienable rights as Americans; and
- WHEREAS, it is lawful and traditional to petition public officials for the full and just remedy of grievances through peaceful and orderly demonstrations, such as the "March for Jobs and Freedom," to take place August 26, 1963, in Washington, D. C.; and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire of the vast majority of Minnesota citizens to serve in the cause of equal opportunity, and many who support the "March for Jobs and Freedom" and the President's civil rights proposals are unable to participate directly in this demonstration for justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvasag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 26, 1963, as

"FREEDOM DAY"

In Minnesota and I urge all citizens to reflect upon the purpose of this lawful petition and the ideals upon which this nation was founded. Further, on this day, I urge all citizens to join, in spirit, their hands and hearts with those who actively seek justice and freedom, for all of our sakes.

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 sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and of the state the one hundred sixth.

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Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Karl F. Rolvasag
GOVERNOR