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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Thanksgiving originated with the desire of early Americans to acknowledge their gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of abundance and freedom which they found on our shores, and
- WHEREAS, the unending faith of the early Pilgrims and of our State's own pioneers serve as a monument and a symbol upon which we may build an even better world for generations to follow, and
- WHEREAS, Thanksgiving reminds us of our responsibility to preserve the heritage given us by those who left other shores to create a government based upon liberty and equal rights for all men under the law, and
- WHEREAS, our late and much-loved President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, fully subscribed to and furthered the principles of liberty and justice for all, and found Thanksgiving as a desirable and proper way to demonstrate our gratitude for the great gifts bestowed upon our Nation, and
- WHEREAS, it is fitting that a day be set aside for thanksgiving, for all to unite in common prayer for peace, understanding and the brotherhood of all mankind,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 25, 1963, as

"THANKSGIVING DAY"

in Minnesota and I urge all citizens to join in the observance of this holiday in its true meaning and intent so that we may remember the countless sacrifices that have made possible our unmatched freedoms and great abundances enjoyed by this Nation.

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 twenty-seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three and of the State the one hundred sixth.

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE