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Secretary of State

P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS, December 10, 1963, marks the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations, and
- WHEREAS, the Declaration calls for the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want, and that these human rights should be protected by the rule of law, and
- WHEREAS, December 15, 1963, commemorates the setting forth of the ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States, known as the Bill of Rights, and
- WHEREAS, this great document proclaims for all Americans the principles of freedom of religion, speech, press and assembly; the right to a fair trial and protection against cruel and unusual punishments; security against unreasonable search and seizure; equality before the law; and that similar provisions appear in our state constitution, and
- WHEREAS, in this period of mourning for the death of our late and greatly honored and beloved President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, it is well to rededicate ourselves to the convictions he expressed in saying:

"Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans...unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this Nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 10 to 17, 1963, as

"HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK"

in Minnesota and call upon all citizens to study anew these great documents that form the basis of our heritage, and to pledge again their efforts to understanding and living up to the principles set forth therein.

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 December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and of the State the one hundred sixth.

Joseph L. Donovan  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Karl F. Rolvaag  
GOVERNOR