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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, The first State Grange in the nation was organized in Minnesota on February 24, 1869, and
- WHEREAS, Oliver Hudson Kelley, the foremost of the Seven Founders of the Grange conceived this national farm fraternity while living on his farm near Elk River during the summer of 1866, which farm is now the property of the Minnesota Historical Society, and
- WHEREAS, Efforts are in the making that the National Grange shall begin its Centennial year by meeting in Minnesota in 1966, and
- WHEREAS, The spirit of the Grange movement for nearly a century has permeated every activity to bolster agriculture and to win greater recognition for the people who till the soil,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 1st through June 7, 1964, as

"GRANGE WEEK"

in Minnesota, and urge all our people to give fitting recognition and tribute to this distinguished organization which was founded to improve conditions in agriculture and to provide recognition for the farm family and to extend a welcome to the National Grange to hold its ninety-ninth annual session in this State in 1966.

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-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and of the State the one hundred sixth.

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Asmus
SECRETARY OF STATE