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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, many nations today are restrained within the sphere of Soviet influence and the peoples of these nations are being deprived of their national independence and in many cases their individual liberties, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and the obligation toward humanity that the American people support the peoples within the Soviet sphere in their just aspirations for freedom and national independence, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States took recognition of the need for these peoples to receive our strong moral support and by joint resolution on July 17, 1959, approved proclamation of Captive Nations Week throughout the country,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 12-19, 1964, as

"CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK"

In Minnesota and urge all citizens to pay solemn attention to the plight of peoples within the Soviet sphere and to realize our obligation to help supplant authoritarian rule and tyranny with the principles of freedom and human rights.

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 seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and of the State, the one hundred seventh.

*Karl F. Rolvaag*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Sproun*  
SECRETARY OF STATE