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Secretary of State

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 unbending 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, each year during the Thanksgiving season, special emphasis is given to the sharing of our American abundance with needy persons overseas through the world-wide programs of our three great religious faiths, and

WHEREAS, these programs -- which account for a preponderance of all the voluntary overseas assistance of Americans -- concern the sharing of our U.S. Government surplus commodities and other foods through free distribution to the hungry abroad, the collection of millions of pounds of clothing for the needy, and the raising of funds for widespread emergency relief and rehabilitation efforts among the homeless, hungry and destitute,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 26, 1964, as

"THANKSGIVING DAY"

in Minnesota and urge all citizens to join in the observance of this holiday in its true meaning and intent by supporting these programs of vital assistance to those less fortunate than we.

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 second day of November 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. Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE