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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the valiant patriots of the American Revolution held in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln in his first message defined the high purposes of our people as "a struggle for maintaining in the world that form and substance of government whose leading object is to advance the conditions of men; to clear the paths of laudable pursuits for all; to afford all an unfettered start and fair chance in the race of life," and

WHEREAS, the ideal of equal opportunity is not a fantasy of man's imagination; it is and must be a daily practice followed by all men and women, and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1964, the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's memorable Gettysburg Address, the National Urban League will focus attention throughout these United States on positive efforts to insure fair and equal treatment to all citizens regardless of race, color, religion or national origin,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Palvang, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, in the name of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Urban Leagues, Thursday, November 19, 1964, as:

"EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY"

In Minnesota and urge every citizen to do everything in his power to advance this truly American idea of Equal Opportunity for all, so that all Americans will understand and appreciate the great advantages of our democratic way of life and will assume the responsibilities essential to the preservation of our freedom.

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 eighteenth 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. Palvang
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Sarason
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