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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, small business has through our history contributed to our cherished system of free, competitive enterprise, and

WHEREAS, the Nation's 4.7 million small businesses:

- include nine of every ten businesses that supply the needs and wants of the American people;
- provide more than a third of the Nation's goods and services;
- contribute significantly to the well-being of our citizens, to the defense of freedom, and to the exploration of new scientific frontiers, and

WHEREAS, small business holds open the door of opportunity for men and women of all races and creeds, and

WHEREAS, small businessmen are leaders in the business and civic affairs of their communities, and will continue to play a leading role in community-wide action to eliminate poverty wherever it exists,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 23, 1965, as

"SMALL BUSINESS WEEK"

in Minnesota and urge wide recognition of the contribution of small business to our goal of a better and more productive life for all our people.

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 thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five and of the State, the one hundred eighth.

*Karl F. Rolvaag*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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