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P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS, a calamity has overtaken the Soviet Union's three million Jews which should be publicly condemned, and
- WHEREAS, many Christian clergymen of all denominations have endorsed appeals to the Soviet Government on behalf of its Jewish citizens, and
- WHEREAS, the Jews in the Soviet Union have limitations imposed upon them with greater severity than on any of the other persons of other religious beliefs, and
- WHEREAS, the Jews' cultural rights are wholly negated and their leaders are singled out for excessive abuse, and
- WHEREAS, the practice in the U.S.S.R. is that everyone born of Jewish parents is identified throughout life as a Jew on his identification papers, and
- WHEREAS, non-Jews are not required to so identify their religion or race, and
- WHEREAS, a Jew must become de-Judaized before he can take the first step on the ladder leading to success, and
- WHEREAS, the government of the Soviet Union frowns on both the religion and culture of its Jewish citizens while helping nearly all other nationalities and religions within its borders to preserve their culture, but dooms Jewish culture to extinction,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19th - 25th as

"VIGIL WEEK FOR SOVIET JEWS"

in Minnesota, and urge all our citizens to acquaint themselves with the persecution now being visited upon people of the Jewish faith in the Soviet Union and to make public outcry against such continued practices wherever the same may be found.

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 sixteenth day of September 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

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