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Secretary of State

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bible distribution and reading have been encouraged in the State of Minnesota since the days of our earliest settlers through the efforts of the American Bible Society, state and local auxiliaries, and

WHEREAS, these activities contributed significantly to the cultural development and strength of our citizenry, and

WHEREAS, historic old Bibles are prized possessions of our state's archives as well as of hundreds of our families, and

WHEREAS, the American Bible Society, which was organized May 8, 1816, is celebrating in 1966 the 150th anniversary of its founding by opening a new Bible House in New York City and increasing circulation of Holy Scriptures,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvang, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim 1966 to be observed as

### "THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE"

in Minnesota in recognition of the 150 years of dedicated service rendered by the American Bible Society working through and with our citizens to "encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment," and I urge all of our citizens, consonant with their beliefs and free will, to participate in the anniversary.

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 thirty-first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five and of the State, the one hundred eighth.

*Karl F. Rolvang*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Lannan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE