

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the National Grange was organized in Washington, D. C. on December 8, 1867, and
- WHEREAS, the first State Grange of the Nation was organized in Minnesota on October 23, 1869, and
- WHEREAS, Oliver Hudson Kelley, the foremost of the Seven Founders of the Grange conceived this national farm fraternity while living on his farm near Elk River during the summer of 1866, which farm is now the property of the Minnesota Historical Society, and
- WHEREAS, the spirit of the Grange movement for nearly a century has permeated every activity to bolster agriculture and to win greater recognition for the people who till the soil, and
- WHEREAS, the National Grange will begin its Centennial year by holding its one hundredth annual session in Minnesota in 1966, for the first time since 1950 and for the second time in its 100 years,
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvang, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17 - 23, 1966, as

"GRANGE WEEK"

in Minnesota, and urge all our people to give fitting recognition and tribute to this distinguished organization which was founded to improve conditions in agriculture and to provide recognition for the farm family and to extend a welcome to the National Grange to hold its one hundredth annual session in this state in 1966.

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 January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six and of the State, the one hundred eighth.

*Karl F. Rolvang*  
GOVERNOR

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