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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, American freedom officially began with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and to which Americans were summoned and inspired by the tolling of the Liberty Bell, and

WHEREAS, today the need is just as acute to defend those freedoms which were held so dear by our patriot fathers, and

WHEREAS, the present Cold War threatens our national survival, and the will and willingness of our people to participate in the use of our hard won freedoms, and by their use, demonstrate our values in this free society as enduring institutions of our country, and

WHEREAS, as the Liberty Bell tolled out that first announcement to a waiting world, it is fitting that the bells of Minnesota toll out a warning that freedoms must be utilized and defended in order to underscore our beliefs in those ideals, and notify the other peoples not as fortunate as we that the bells of freedom still ring,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 4, 1966, as

"BELLS ACROSS THE NATION DAY"

and urge all our citizens to participate in the symbolic observance, whenever possible, by tolling bells and ringing eccitons and chimes and the playing of our National Anthem on radio and television at exactly 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time, for a period of four minutes, with such observances a fitting tribute to the love of freedom that rang in the hearts of our forefathers and which must continue to re-echo in our own.

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 nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six and of the State, the one hundred ninth.

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR