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

WHEREAS, the world today, torn by strife, concerned with over-population and food shortages, is confronted with the necessity of a new hard look and reassessment of the necessity of a comprehensive program of conservation of natural resources, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota, richly blessed with over 15,000 lakes and 25,000 miles of streams and waterways, is reminded that waters, our most precious resource, can be polluted and lost in devastating floods, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota, once known as the Iron Ore Capital of the Nation, has been granted a respite from a sagging mining industry through the utilization of taconite and further buoyed by copper-nickel development, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota, the pride of the hunter and sportsman through all the years, is turning to programs of wetlands acquisition, wildlife management and lake and stream improvement, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota, a natural outdoor playground, has finally embarked on an ambitious state park program of acquisition and development, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota, on statehood, was crowned with seemingly limitless forests of White Pine, Norways and Hardwoods,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-29, 1967, as

"CONSERVATION WEEK"

and April 28, 1967, as

"ARBOR DAY"

In so proclaiming these events, I earnestly request all citizens, the students and staff members of our public and parochial schools, and the members of all organizations throughout Minnesota to join and participate in traditional programs to plant trees and foster conservation of all our natural resources.

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-seven and of the State, the one hundred tenth.

*Harold LeVander*  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE