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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 forermost 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 for 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 conclude its Centennial by holding its one hundred and first annual session in Syracuse, New York, in November of 1967,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold Lavander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 11-17, 1967, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and of the State, the one hundred ninth.

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Harold Lavander
GOVERNOR

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