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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the small businessmen in this State, along with small businessmen throughout the Nation, actively perpetuate the open and competitive marketplace so vital to our free enterprise system, and

WHEREAS, small businesses are close to the American consumer, providing much of the goods and the majority of the services we need in our daily lives, and

WHEREAS, small businesses offer job opportunities for job seekers of all races and all creeds, and

WHEREAS, small businessmen are recognized as leaders in the social and economic development of their own communicies, and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the source of many innovations in products and merchandizing,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LaVender, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21, 1967, as

"SMALL BUSINESS WEEK"

in Minnesots, and call upon the Chambers of Commerce, industrial and commercial organizations, board of trade and other public and private organizations to participate in ceremonies recognizing the contribution made by the small businessmen of this State to the progress and well-being of all our people.

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 May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and of the State, the one hundred tenth.

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