

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, 1967 marks the 20th anniversary of the Nation's organized effort to spread job opportunities for our handicapped citizens, and
- WHEREAS, several million handicapped workers during the past two decades have demonstrated through their job performance that ability counts more than disability, and
- WHEREAS, many more handicapped applicants, fully rehabilitated and trained for work, are still waiting for a chance to prove their worth, and
- WHEREAS, job opportunities must be found for these and for the most recent wave of disabled veterans, through intense effort to erase all pockets of prejudice against the handicapped and bring equal opportunity to all the citizens of this land, and
- WHEREAS, Minnesota recognizes an obligation to render every practical assistance to its handicapped citizens in obtaining and holding employment for which they are qualified,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1-7, 1967, as

"MINNESOTA EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK"

and urge all public officials, leaders of business, industry, labor, civic, veterans, professional, and other organizations to take part in this observance. I further urge all employers to consider the handicapped for employment on the basis of their ability, not their disability. I ask employers to exert their social responsibility toward their handicapped neighbors...not by offering them special privileges, which they do not want, but by providing that equality of opportunity which every American has a right to expect. I further urge that all citizens remember throughout the year that by their interest and assistance the handicapped can achieve independence and thus contribute fully to the life of their communities.

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 second day of October 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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