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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by joint resolution of Congress and by Presidential proclamation, the eleventh annual Law Day USA will be observed on May first, and

WHEREAS, as set forth by the Congress, the objectives of Law Day are to encourage among Americans a "rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and with other nations; a reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States, and the cultivation of that respect for law which is so vital to the democratic way of life," and

WHEREAS, these purposes hold special meaning for all Americans this year as many thousands in our armed forces are fighting abroad to preserve human freedom, while at home we strive to strengthen freedom and justice and to improve the quality of life and opportunity for all citizens, and

WHEREAS, the theme of Law Day this year carries a timely message: Only A Lawful Society Can Build A Better Society, reminding us not only that crime and violence are enemies of freedom and justice, but that only by reliance upon the processes of law, and independent courts, and representative government, can the resources of our nation be marshaled to achieve lasting social progress, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate, therefore, on this Law Day that we acknowledge our duty as citizens and recognize our responsibilities to uphold the law, the agencies of law enforcement, and the courts in the performance of their obligations, and also, that in the home, the school and the church we teach young Americans the enduring values of a society rooted in a tradition of freedom secured by the processes of law,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 1, 1968, as

"LAW DAY USA"

in Minnesota, and call upon all citizens to join in its observance through appropriate ceremonies, programs and educational activities. I especially urge the schools, churches, the courts, civic and service clubs, and the media of public information, to participate.

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 twentieth-ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, and of the State, the one hundred tenth.

James A. Johnson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR