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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the President of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an affiliation of some 101 fraternal organizations and ten million members, has proclaimed June 9 - 15, 1968, as "Fraternal Week," and
- WHEREAS, the Fraternal Benefit System, through its lodges and societies in every community, performs many religious, charitable, beneficial, patriotic and benevolent activities, and
- WHEREAS, these local lodges and societies and members in the civic and patriotic projects render great service to our State and Nation, especially through the "Blood for Brotherhood" program, and
- WHEREAS, the fraternal benefit societies proclaim their patriotism through special observances of Flag Day, June 14th, and are a part of the National Flag Day Foundation, an organization devoted to keeping alive the memory of Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand, the "father" of Flag Day, through the maintenance of the schoolhouse in Fredonia, Wisconsin where, in 1885, he held the first known Flag Day observance to honor the flag of the United States of America, and
- WHEREAS, the National Fraternal Congress of America has long chosen the dates of Fraternal Week to include Flag Day, and
- WHEREAS, the President and Executive Committee of the National Fraternal Congress of America have called upon all leaders of societies and lodges comprising the entire Fraternal Benefit System and its ten million members to fully apprise all the people of the ideals and objectives of the Fraternal Benefit System, and to unite in observance of Fraternal Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold L. Hayes, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 9 - 15, 1968, as

"FRATERNAL WEEK"

in Minnesota, and call upon all citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation for the contributions made by the Fraternal Benefit System.

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 thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, and of the State, the one hundred eleventh.

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Harold L. Hayes
GOVERNOR