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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Minnesota, with 100 more than 15,000 lakes and 5.5 million acres of water is one of the nation's foremost boating areas, and
- WHEREAS, safe boating -- avoiding accidents, injury and death -- is the only way for our more than a million boaters to truly enjoy a day on Minnesota's great highways, and
- WHEREAS, more and more of our people are turning to this recreational activity each year, and
- WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, in seeking to focus attention on the importance of safe boating practices, by a joint resolution approved June 4, 1958, has requested the President to proclaim annually the week which includes July 4th as National Safe Boating Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HAROLD LAVENDER, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning June 30, 1968, as

"MINNESOTA SAFE BOATING WEEK"

in Minnesota and I strongly urge government and private agencies concerned with safety afloat, the marine industry, boating clubs and organization and other interested groups and individuals, to foster appropriate programs and observances to develop safe boating habits among our recreationalists, and to carry the water safety message to our citizens.

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 fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty eight, and of the State, the one hundred eleventh.

*Joseph A. Donovan*

*Harold Lavender*