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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Minnesota has more cooperatives and more individual co-op people than any other state and we see many signs that cooperatives are effective "community builders", and
- WHEREAS, cooperative businesses, along with corporations, partnerships and proprietorships, form the very foundation of our free enterprise system, and
- WHEREAS, cooperatives serve farmers and consumers alike, for the processing and marketing of agricultural products and for the purchase of goods and services by consumers, and
- WHEREAS, by providing jobs, capital investments, competitive prices, quality control and new product development, and by returning earnings to the local owners, these cooperative businesses contribute substantially to our agricultural progress and general economic development, and
- WHEREAS, through these and other measures it is estimated that cooperatives contribute more than one billion dollars each year to the state's economy and to the never-ending challenge of building our communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1968, as

"CO-OP MONTH"

and urge all Minnesotans to recognize the economic and democratic values of cooperatives -- values which help bring the rewards of our free enterprise system to all rural and urban residents...values which truly make cooperatives "community builders."

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

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE