

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, many nations throughout the world have been held captive by the imperialistic and aggressive policies of Soviet communism; and
- WHEREAS, the peoples of the Soviet-dominated nations have been deprived of their national independence and their individual liberties; and
- WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States are linked by bonds of family and principle to those who love freedom and justice on every continent; and
- WHEREAS, it is appropriate and proper to manifest to the peoples of the captive nations the support of the Government and the people of the United States of America for their just aspirations for freedom and national independence; and
- WHEREAS, by joint resolution approved July 17, 1959, the Congress has authorized and requested the President of the United States of America to issue a proclamation designating the third week in July, 1959, as "Captive Nations Week," and to issue a similar proclamation each year until such time as freedom and independence shall have been achieved for all the captive nations of the world; and
- WHEREAS, the United Nations has further dedicated this tenth anniversary year observance of Captive Nations Week to the cause of Human Rights, for individuals and groups as well as nations;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate the week beginning July 14, 1968, as

"CAPTIVE NATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK"

and urge the citizens of Minnesota to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, to study the plight of oppressed nations and oppressed people, and to recommit themselves to the support of the just aspirations of all of these captive fellow humans.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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GOVERNOR

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Secretary of State