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P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS, the family unit is the basic, most efficient level of government and the real strength of our society; and
- WHEREAS, the parents occupy a significant role, providing love, instruction, counsel, discipline, reward, example and inspiration as well as minister the material needs of their children; and
- WHEREAS, the foster home is providing an increasingly valuable family experience and successful alternative to institutional care for nearly 6,000 children in Minnesota who have, because of unkind and unpredictable fates not of their own making, been deprived of their natural parents; and
- WHEREAS, Minnesota is fortunate in having nearly 4,000 such foster homes caring for the nearly 6,000 foster children; and
- WHEREAS, the unselfish "parents" who open their homes and their hearts to these children who need a new "family" and a new opportunity for achievement and human dignity, do so without personal reward other than the satisfaction of service to a child in need; and
- WHEREAS, this tremendous service represents an immeasurable savings in human resources and a very substantial savings, estimated at upwards of \$31 million annually, over institutional care; and
- WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for 800 new foster homes in Minn. each year to keep abreast of the need for a wholesome family environment for additional youngsters that fate severs from their natural parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the period of September 15-21, 1968, as

"FOSTER PARENT WEEK"

in Minnesota and urge all citizens to honor and pay a special tribute to these outstanding humanitarians who have opened their homes and hearts to unfortunate children.

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 twelfth day of September 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. Harrison
SECRETARY OF STATE