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

WHEREAS, each year on February 1, in the City of Philadelphia, the National Freedom Day Association holds ceremonies around the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall commemorating the signing of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 1948 President Harry S. Truman signed the National Freedom Day Bill designating February 1 as the day each year that this significant event be commemorated; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of all of the fifty states are so designating the day of February 1 to be the official anniversary celebration of this event in their respective states

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of February 1, 1969 as

NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to take proper recognition of the importance of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, and to acknowledge the significance on their daily lives.

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 second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the state, the one hundred eleventh.

Joseph P. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Harold LeVander
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