

PROCLAMATION

WEREAS, January 16, 1969 marks the 86th anniversary of the signing of the Federal Civil Service Act of 1883, and

WHEREAS, the life of every Minnesotan is touched directly or indirectly every day by the services which Federal public servants in our state perform, and

WHEREAS, Federal employees have set high standards of integrity and performance in the service of our state and nation, and

WHEREAS, these high standards are made possible by a progressive Civil Service system based solely on merit and enlightened personnel practices, and

WHEREAS, public esteem for career civil servants is a pre-requisite for attracting well-qualified citizens to compete for Government service, a fact which requires greater public awareness of the value of the merit system, the achievements of Government workers, and the career opportunities offered in public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 12-18, 1969 as

"CIVIL SERVICE WEEK"

in Minnesota, and do hereby urge our citizens to join with our Federal employees in observance of the eighty-sixth anniversary of the signing of the Civil Service Act.

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

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