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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Freedom and Democracy in Community Life is the sponsor of a continuing program which seeks to end residential segregation by responsible volunteer action of all people, and

WHEREAS, it has long been recognized that the practice of racial residential segregation undermines human freedom, and it is a violation of the principles of justice and democracy on which our concept of government is based, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation emphasizes in its campaign the desirability of "Equal Opportunity Neighborhoods", and cites the part that integrated neighborhoods can play in eliminating racial bias, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota in 1967 was the first of the United States to establish by law, a State Department of Human Rights to combat social injustices

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the period of February 14-16, 1969 as

"FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE DAYS"

in Minnesota. May this observance serve as a reminder of our responsibility as Americans to strive to combat residential segregation and to seek equal rights for all.

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

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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