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*James A. ...*  
Secretary of State

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

WHEREAS, a troubled World racked with fear, beset with problems of conflict and uneasy peace, and concerned with the burden of over-population and the stark reality of starvation, the Nations are confronted with the necessity of a global reappraisal of a comprehensive program of conservation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it behooves Minnesota to recapitulate our heritage of natural resources, assess the toll of exploitation and formulate a constructive program to rehabilitate and re-establish our natural resource front; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is singularly blessed with over 15,000 lakes and 25,000 miles of streams and waterways; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota, on statehood, was crowned with limitless forests of White Pine, Norways and Hardwoods; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota, once Iron Ore Capital of the Nation, has been granted a respite from a sagging mining industry through the utilization of taconite; and

WHEREAS, the park lands of Minnesota offer unlimited recreational opportunities for our people

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20-26, 1969, as

"CONSERVATION WEEK"

and April 25, 1969, as

"ARBOR DAY"

in Minnesota, and in so proclaiming these events, I congratulate the sponsoring agencies, namely the Minnesota Conservation Federation in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Conservation and I earnestly request all citizens, our public and parochial schools, and all organizations throughout Minnesota to join and participate in traditional programs to plant trees and foster conservation of all our natural resources.

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

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Harold LeVander*  
GOVERNOR

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