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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for centuries Mothers have been honored in Greek mythology, in Biblical history, as Anna Kestovska, and later in the early Christian era by establishments in England of "Mothering Sunday" in England, and

WHEREAS, the first organized Mother's Day in America was developed during the Civil War, by Anna Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia, who sought to console the boys in blue and grey and reduce their hatred as only a Mother's love can do, and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Mrs. Jarvis' daughter, Anna, the Congress of the United States, on February 6, 1916, provided the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, a National Flag holiday, and

WHEREAS, the American Mothers Committee was organized in 1938 as a division of the United Arts Foundation; its purpose to develop and strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the American home and to give to the observance of Mother's Day a spiritual quality which highlights the standards of ideal Motherhood and recognizes the importance of the mother in the home, the community, the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, the American Mothers Committee has, through the years, honored many remarkable women of all faiths, nationalities and in the respective nations, and

WHEREAS, it is proper that we render our tribute to and the respect deserved by all mothers,

AND, WHEREAS, I Harold Levander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, extend my official congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Nelson of Route 1, Cochrane, Minnesota, selected by the American Mothers Committee as the Minnesota Mother of the Year for 1969; and I hereby proclaim May 11, as

"MOTHERS DAY"

In Minnesota, and call upon all our citizens to join in saluting and in expressing our grateful appreciation to all Mothers for the priceless gifts they have given to all of us.

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 10th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the State, the one hundred eleventh.

Harold Levander
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Spierman
SECRETARY OF STATE