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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by joint resolution of Congress and by Presidential proclamation, the twelfth annual Law Day USA will be observed on May first, and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 1969 national observance of Law Day is timely and deserves the thoughtful consideration of every citizen: "Justice and Equality Depend Upon Law--and You!"; and

WHEREAS, All of us recognize that representative government depends for vitality and strength upon citizen participation in its processes: The broader that participation the more effective and just government will be, and

WHEREAS, Every citizen thus has a responsibility to his country, his state and community. He has a duty to observe the law, to support the agencies of law enforcement and the courts, and also to recognize the rights of others and assist in advancing the equality of justice and opportunity for all Americans, and

WHEREAS, our form of government, which is unique and has protected our Nation for over 150 years, requires that the right of dissent and the right to petitions for redress of grievances to be asserted in a lawful manner, and

WHEREAS, In a free society, the end to be sought, however worthy, can never justify unlawful means, and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate, therefore, on this special day set aside that we should reaffirm our faith in the rule of law and in the supremacy of government by law rather than by man,

NOW WHEREFORE, I, Harold Levander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate Thursday, May 1, 1969, as

LAW DAY USA

throughout this state, and call upon all citizens to join in its observance through appropriate ceremonies, programs and educational activities, and through a rededication to the ideals of equality and justice for all. I especially urge the schools, churches, the courts, civic and service clubs, and the media of public information, to participate.

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 first day of April 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