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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, It is only fitting and proper that time be set aside in our busy life as Americans to honor the original human inhabitants of this great land, a period set aside to properly thank the American Indian people for giving us the opportunity to occupy this virgin and resources-rich land of America; and

WHEREAS, It is equally essential that we take time to recognize with humility the harshness of humanity in our treatment of our Christian brethren and to renew our pledge to go forward as brothers of mankind, fully recognizing their values and sharing our virtues for the betterment of future generations; and

WHEREAS, We must note on this occasion the sacrifices that were made by the true American, the Minnesota American Indian, in their contributions to our society and recognize the need for fulfilling the pledge to unite our cultures, thus combining the strength of our mutual and respective virtues as a guiding factor in moving forward together to make America a better place for all to live; and

WHEREAS, We plead for divine guidance and for human understanding and for compassion in achieving this goal; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we honor the original American and the first Minnesotans in connection with the observance of the 111th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Minnesota,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Harold Levander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month beginning on May 10, 1969, the 111th birthday of our State, as

AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH

and I further proclaim the day of May 10, 1969, as

AMERICAN INDIAN DAY

in Minnesota, and I urge all Minnesotans to appropriately observe this historic and significant period reserved to commemorate the contributions these first citizens have made, are making and will continue to make for the enrichment of the quality of life for all mankind.

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 ninth day of May 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. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE