

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the imperialistic policies of Russian Communists have led, through direct and indirect aggression, to the subjugation and enslavement of the peoples of Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Latvia, Estonia, White Ruthenia, Rumania, East Germany, Bulgaria, Mainland China, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Korea, Albania, Iceland, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Tibet, Cossackia, Turkestan, North Vietnam, Cuba, and others; and
- WHEREAS, the desire for liberty and independence by the overwhelming majority of people of these conquered nations constitutes a powerful deterrent to any ambitions of Communist leaders to initiate a major war; and
- WHEREAS, the freedom-loving peoples of the captive nations look to the United States as the citadel of human freedom and to the people of the United States as leaders in bringing about their freedom and independence; and
- WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States by unanimous vote passed Public Law 86-90 establishing the third week in July each year as Captive Nations Week and inviting the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate prayers, ceremonies and activities; expressing their sympathy with and support for the just aspirations of captive peoples for freedom and independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that the week commencing July 13, 1969, be observed as

CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK

in Minnesota, and call upon the citizens to join with others in observing this week by offering prayers and dedicating their efforts for the peaceful liberation of oppressed and subjugated peoples all over the world.

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 third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine and of the State, the one hundred twelfth.

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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