

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the successful landing of Apollo 11 and man's first exploration of the Moon is the pinnacle of achievement in our human endeavors to conquer the unknown, and

WHEREAS, foremost among the names in history will record for this incredible feat are those of Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, Jr., the first humans to walk upon the Moon, take scientific samples and implant our American Flag, and Michael Collins, pilot of the Apollo 11 command vehicle, and

WHEREAS, this finest moment for America and our World has actually been achieved by an All-American team of thousands of cooperating scientists and technicians, who designed, built and maintained the vital equipment that bridged the 248,000 miles between the Earth and the Moon, and

WHEREAS, Minnesotans can be proud of their role in this historic event, made particularly significant by the fact that the first human footprint made upon the surface of the Moon was that left by the sole of the shoe worn by Astronaut Armstrong--a special composition sole made in Minnesota by our 3M Company, and

WHEREAS, this was but one of hundreds of special items of equipment produced by the unique expertise and workmanship of Minnesotans, employees of many of our firms--Honeywell, Control Data, Rosemount Engineering, Univer, Whitipool, Pillsbury, Fibonite, Metallurgical Incorporated, 3M, and by numerous small machine shops and electronic parts manufacturers--each contributing significantly to the successful team landing on the Moon, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all Americans cast aside their alienations in the days ahead and stand, together proudly, to be a part of man's greatest achievement, and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we recognize that our Nation's leadership role in contributing most significantly to the progress of all mankind has been achieved by bold application of the spirit of ingenuity, competition, confidence, and most of all by the spirit of cooperation

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold Levander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the historic date of man's first walk upon the Moon, July 20, 1969, and each anniversary of this date in future years, as

A DAY OF DISCOVERY

In Minnesota, and urge all citizens to appropriately observe this occasion by the display of our American and Minnesota Flags, by their prayers of thanksgiving, and by their renewed application of the lessons learned by the overpowering demonstration of what man can achieve by joining hands with fellow men to solve problems that only yesterday appeared to be insurmountable.

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 twentieth 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. Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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