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PROCLAMATION

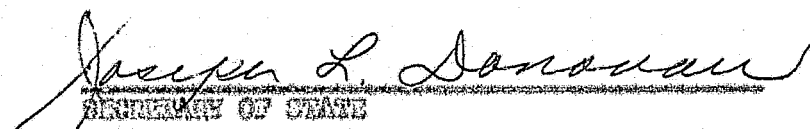
- WHEREAS, Minnesota has more cooperatives and more individual co-op people than any other state and we see many signs that cooperatives represent "Progress through People," and
- WHEREAS, cooperative businesses, along with corporations, partnerships and proprietorships, form the very foundation of our free enterprise system, and
- WHEREAS, cooperatives serve farmers and consumers alike, for the processing and marketing of agricultural products and for the purchase of goods and services by consumers, and
- WHEREAS, by providing jobs, capital investments, competitive prices, quality control and new products development, and by returning earnings to the local owners, these cooperative businesses contribute substantially to our agricultural progress and general economic development, and
- WHEREAS, through these and other measures cooperatives contribute substantially to the state's economy and to the never-ending challenge of building our communities,
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1969, as

"CO-OP MONTH"

and urge all Minnesotans to recognize the economic and democratic values of cooperatives and the progress people have made through working together in these organizations.

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


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE