

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the family unit is the basic, most efficient level of government and the real strength of our society; and

WHEREAS, the parents occupy a significant role, providing love, instruction, counsel, discipline, reward, example and inspiration as well as minister the material needs of their children; and

WHEREAS, the foster home is providing an increasingly valuable family experience and successful alternative to institutional care for nearly 6,000 children in Minnesota who have, because of unkind and unpredictable factors not of their own making, been deprived of their natural parents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is fortunate in having 4,100 such foster homes caring for the nearly 6,000 foster children; and

WHEREAS, the unselfish "parents" who open their homes and their hearts to those children who need a new "family" and a new opportunity for development and human dignity, do so without personal reward other than the satisfaction of service to a child in need; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous service represents an immeasurable savings in human resources and a very substantial savings, estimated at upwards of \$34 million annually, over institutional care; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for 600 new foster homes in Minnesota each year to keep abreast of the need for a wholesome family environment for additional youngsters that fate leaves from their natural parents.

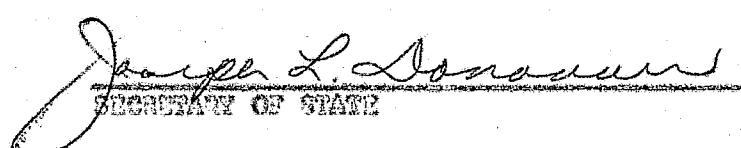
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the period of September 16 - 20, 1969 as

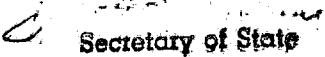
"FOSTER PARENT WEEK"

In Minnesota and urge all citizens to honor and pay a special tribute to those outstanding Minnesotans who have opened their homes and hearts to unfortunate children.

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 twelfth day of September 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. Donavan
Secretary of State

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