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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Some ill or injured American received a transfusion of blood every few seconds, and

WHEREAS, Six and one-half million pints a year are required for surgery and therapy, and

WHEREAS, The need for blood is growing constantly, and

WHEREAS, For various reasons, blood often is in very short supply after New Year's Day;

THEREFORE, I, HAROLD LEVANDER, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of January

MINNESOTA BLOOD DONOR MONTH

in recognition of the vital role of the voluntary blood donor in medical care, and ask all citizens to join in its observance.

If you are in good health and between 18 and 66 years of age, I urge that you make an appointment and donate a pint of your life-saving blood at a local blood bank or collection center during January, or pledge blood for later in the year.

If you cannot give blood, I urge you to volunteer to assist your community blood center in other ways to help provide time and transportation for those who can. If you are an employer, I ask that you give your employees time to donate and, if circumstances permit, to invite mobile units to your place of business.

If you are in the communications field and speak, write, broadcast or publish, I ask you to join me in saluting and acclaiming our faithful volunteer donors who have given one, five and even ten gallons more of their blood than others may live, and to explain the life-death importance, particularly in January, of regular blood donation.

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 eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the State, the one hundred twelfth.

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GOVERNOR