

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by Joint Resolution of Congress and by Presidential Proclamation, the thirteenth annual Law Day USA will be observed on May first; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 1970 national observance of Law Day is timely and deserves the thoughtful consideration of every citizen; "Law — Bridge to Justice;" and

WHEREAS, all of us recognize that representative government depends for vitality and strength upon citizen participation in its processes, the broader that participation the more effective and just government will be; and

WHEREAS, every citizen thus has a responsibility to his country, his State and community, a duty to observe the laws, to support the agencies of law enforcement and the courts, as well as to recognize the rights of others and assist in advancing the equality of justice and opportunity for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, our form of government, which is unique and has protected our nation for over 190 years, requires that the right of dissent and the right to petition for redress of grievances be asserted in a lawful manner; and

WHEREAS, in a free society, the end to be sought, however worthy, can never justify unlawful means; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate, therefore, on this special day that we should reaffirm our faith in the rule of law and in the supremacy of government by law rather than by men;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold Levander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 1, 1970, as

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in Minnesota, and call upon all citizens to join in its observance through appropriate ceremonies, programs and educational activities, and through a rededication to the ideals of equality and justice for all. I especially urge the schools, churches, courts, civic and service clubs and the media of public information to participate.

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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