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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the imperialistic policies of Russian Communists have led, through direct and indirect aggression, to the subjugation and enslavement of the peoples of Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Latvia, Estonia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Korea, Albania, Idelural, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Tibet, Cossackia, Turkestan, North Vietnam, Cuba and others, and

WHEREAS, the desire for liberty and independence by the overwhelming majority of people of these conquered nations constitutes a powerful deterrent to any ambitions for Communist leaders to initiate a major war, and

WHEREAS, the freedom-loving peoples of the captive nations look to the United States as the citadel of human freedom and to the people of the United States as leaders in bringing about their freedom and independence, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States by unanimous vote passed Public Law 89-90, establishing the third week in July each year as Captive Nations Week and inviting the people of the United States to observe such a week with appropriate prayers, ceremonies, and activities, expressing their sympathy with and support for the just aspirations of captive peoples for freedom and independence,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HAROLD LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 12, 1970 to be observed as

CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK

in Minnesota, and call upon the citizens to join with others in observing this week by offering prayers and dedicating their efforts for the peaceful liberation of oppressed and subjugated peoples all over the world.

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-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the State, the one hundred thirteenth.

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR