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*Joseph L. Danzmann*  
Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Minnesota has more cooperatives and more individual members than any other state and we note their continued effort to contribute to a better life in the seventies for all 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 neverending challenge of building our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1970, and

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 sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the State, the one hundred thirteenth.

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*Harold LeVander*  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE