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### PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, aviation has been underscored by a dramatic series of epoch-making achievements, but the keynote to peaceful aeronautical commerce can be traced to the development of airmail service--the first practical application of flight to economic and social progress; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Post Office in August of 1920 created a network of fewer than two dozen airway radio stations to receive weather reports, departure and arrival times, and administrative messages from government radio operators, who relayed aviation information across the country; and
- WHEREAS, this tiny network has grown to a sophisticated communications system with instant, accurate access to whatever information a pilot needs to know; and
- WHEREAS, these facilities function as Flight Service Stations within the framework of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation. Particularly serving the private pilot, Flight Service Specialists provide airmen with scientific weather data, information about navigational aids and airports, and offer a wide range of other aeronautical services. Through the modern communications equipment available to them, flight service specialists keep pilots in immediate touch with all conditions affecting their flight; and
- WHEREAS, the Flight Service Station also functions as the civilian partner with all military aviation operating within the continental limits of the United States. It serves as the connector between FAA's Air Route Traffic Control sectors and the many military flights that take place daily; and
- WHEREAS, the system now includes 384 separate Flight Service Stations in 49 states and nine international facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 16-23, 1970, as

### FLIGHT SERVICE WEEK

and urge all Minnesotans to recognize the Flight Service and the dedicated personnel who operate it.

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 thirtieth.

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Harold LeVander*  
GOVERNOR

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