

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the residents of Minnesota are vitally concerned with the protection of life and property from fires, and

WHEREAS, last year fires in Minnesota caused the death of 110 persons, injured 230 more and resulted in property damage of \$24,700,000, and

WHEREAS, this needless loss of life and property as a result of fire could be significantly reduced by individual and community fire prevention programs, and

WHEREAS, participation by the public and all news media in the program "Operation EDITH" (Exit Drills In The Home) has been an effective program,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4 to October 10, 1970, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all local governments, business, labor, and farm organizations as well as schools, churches, civic groups, and all our state residents to give special attention to the prevention of fires. It is further urged that every individual remember that he has a responsibility in eliminating this careless waste of lives in the home.

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

*Harold LeVander*  
GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE