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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, criminal and delinquent acts have continued to increase this year as in preceding years at a rate greater than the increase in our population would warrant, and

WHEREAS, a disproportionately large number of young people are among those persons found guilty of criminal acts, and

WHEREAS, these facts persist year after year in spite of conditions of good economic, physical and moral health enjoyed by Minnesotans and in spite of high standards of law enforcement, court and correctional services,

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

CRIME AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge each citizen to recognize, understand and accept his responsibility for lawful and moral behavior, for his own part and on the part of others around him.

Further, each citizen has an obligation to know and to understand the aims and procedures of our law enforcement agencies, our juvenile and criminal courts and our correctional institutions and services in the community.

Finally, each citizen has an obligation to accept and assist those persons among us who have done wrong, who have been convicted or adjudicated delinquent and who have indicated a willingness to correct their behavior and to rebuild their character and lives accordingly. In this process they must have our help -- the help of our public services and the help of each citizen with whom he may be associated.

I urge the citizens of our state, young and old, to learn what the law is and to obey it, to find out what our government's police, judicial and correctional programs are and to support them, and to encourage and help those who would restore themselves to responsible living.

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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