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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the imperialistic policies of Russian Communism have led, through direct and indirect aggression, to the subjugation and enslavement of the peoples of Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Latvia, Estonia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Korea, Albania, Iceland, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Tibet, Cambodia, Laos, North Vietnam, Cuba and others; and,

WHEREAS, the desire for liberty and independence by the overwhelming majority of people of those conquered nations constituted a powerful stimulus to our citizens 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 standard 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 91-404, prohibiting the United States from July each year 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.

AND, WHEREAS, I, Wendell Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 11, 1970 to be observed as

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CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK

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

BY MYSELF AND BY MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED AT THE STATE CAPITOL THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE, AND OF THE STATE, THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH.

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Wendell R. Anderson
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