

WHEREAS: the president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an affiliation of 16 fraternal benefit societies and more than ten million members, has designated June 3 to 14, 1973, as FRATERNAL WEEK; and

WHEREAS: the fraternal benefit system through its societies and lodges in every community performs many religious, charitable, patriotic, and benevolent activities; and

WHEREAS: the local lodges of these societies and their members, through civic and patriotic projects, render great service to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS: the fraternal benefit societies have long proclaimed their patriotism and celebrated Fraternal Week through special observances of Flag Day, June 14, and are a part of the National Fraternal Flag Day Foundation, an organization devoted to keeping alive the memory of Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand, the "father" of Flag Day, through the maintenance of the schoolhouse in Fredonia, Wisconsin, where in 1885 he held the first known Flag Day ceremony; and

WHEREAS: the National Fraternal Congress of America calls upon leaders of all its societies to apprise the nation of the ideals and objectives of the fraternal benefit system, and to unite in observance of Fraternal Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 3 through 14, 1973 as

FRATERNAL WEEK

and call upon citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation of the contributions made by the fraternal benefit system.

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 twenty-ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

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Arlen J. Edsall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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