



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

HEREAS: Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Lutheran Hour speaker since 1955, has strong ties to Minnesota having been graduated from St. Paul's Concordia College in 1932 and from the University of Minnesota in 1935; and

HEREAS: from 1936 to 1940, he served as instructor and dean of men at Bethany College, Mankato; in 1941 he was ordained as pastor of English Lutheran Church, Cottonwood; and

HEREAS: in 1940, Dr. Hoffman was an instructor at the University of Minnesota where he also inaugurated Lutheran campus services; and

HEREAS: in 1952 he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (he received his divinity degree from there in 1936), and also an honorary doctor of laws degree from Valparaiso (Indiana) University; and

HEREAS: Dr. Hoffman was the official observer for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at the Second Vatican Council in 1964 and 1965; and

HEREAS: for four years, beginning in 1969, Dr. Hoffman spent the Christmas season with United States military personnel in South Vietnam, Korea, Thailand and Okinawa; and

HEREAS: Dr. Hoffman was named "Clergyman of the Year" in 1973 by Religious Heritage of America; and

HEREAS: Dr. Hoffman's Lutheran Hour messages are broadcast in 45 languages into more than 125 countries and has an estimated weekly audience of 40 million persons; and

HEREAS: Dr. Hoffman has served the church for more than 35 years as parish pastor, college professor, film production adviser, public relations executive and worldwide radio speaker;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 29, 1976 to be

DR. OSWALD HOFFMAN DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Wendell R. Anderson
Secretary of State

in Minnesota, and join his millions of admirers in honoring this notable churchman and scholar on this day.

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-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Wendell R. Anderson

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