

State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an affiliation of 96 fraternal benefit societies and more than ten million members, has designated June 12 to 18, 1977 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 numbers, 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*

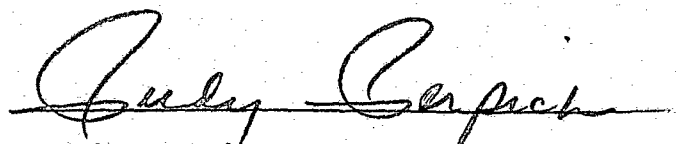
WHEREAS: *the National Fraternal Congress of America calls upon leaders of all its societies to apprise the nation of the ideals and objectives of the fraternal benefit system, and to unite in observance of Fraternal Week;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 12 through June 18, 1977 as

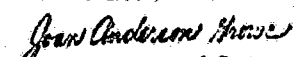
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in Minnesota, and call upon all citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation of the contributions made by the fraternal benefit system.

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 sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.


GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State


SECRETARY OF STATE