

Aroclamation

WHEREAS: the Liberty Bell Education Foundation has been chartered by a group of Minneapolis and St. Paul businessmen to take the replica of the Liberty Bell on a National Town to every state in the Union for the school children of America; and

WHEREAS: Joseph B. Head, Executive Director of the Liberty Bell Education Foundation and Chairman of the Liberty Bell Program Committee of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, who, with his wife, Leona May Head, as assistant, has been lecturing to the school children of America and has been widely commended for his efforts by school principals, state and city officials and patriotic organizations; and

WHEREAS: the purpose of this tour is to give to our boys and girls a new appreciation of our American Heritage and the historical significance of the Liberty Bell which represents our freedoms under the Constitution--freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of the press--as well as our free enterprise system, so that they may have a greater love for their country and a desire to become better citizens; and

WHEREAS: the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have contributed funds to cover the cost of the Bell and have budgeted an allowance toward the expenses of the Liberty Bell tour; and

WHEREAS: the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in their annual national convention held in Minneapolis in August, 1977, passed a resolution endorsing the Liberty Bell project to keep the tour available to American school children; and

WHEREAS: several VFW Posts and Ladies' Auxiliaries have contributed funds toward the expenses of the Liberty Bell tour; and

WHEREAS: Joseph B. Head has been an outstanding leader in many patriotic and community betterment endeavors in Minnesota and has served as an Ambassador of Good Will from the state in his travels throughout the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the year of 1978 to be

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in Minnesota, and call upon all citizens to give due emphasis and recognition to the message of the Liberty Bell, and to support the program in every way possible.

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-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the Stat the one hundred twentieth.

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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