



# Proclamation

REAS: The historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision by the United States Supreme Court in 1954 held that segregation in public education is unconstitutional; and

REAS: This decision served as the catalyst for the shifting of judicial sanctions from that of segregation to desegregation and the elimination of legal barriers to equal opportunities; and

REAS: *Brown* formed the basis for enactment of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 1965 and 1968, thereby providing greater assurance of equal opportunity in employment, equal access to public accommodations, housing and desegregated education; and

REAS: There continues to be opposition to desegregation at many levels of life and the momentum of the equality of opportunity in all aspects of public life is decelerated; and

REAS: Despite the removal of the more overt legal barriers, blacks and other minorities are still faced with resistance to meaningful implementation of these civil rights laws by many who publicly profess belief in the spirit and the letter of the law as it is pronounced in *Brown*; and

REAS: May 17, 1979, is the 25th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*;

THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim this as a time of rededication to the ideals and principles of equality and justice, especially this time as our nation should strive to transfer the noble pronouncement of *Brown v. Board of Education* into reality.

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 seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-first.

*Albert H. Quie*

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE