



Proclamation

WHEREAS: THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED HOPE AND RELIEF TO NEEDY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND

WHEREAS: IN DECEMBER 1979, THE NATION OF AFGHANISTAN, SITUATED AT THE EASTERN BORDERS OF THE OIL EXPORTING LANDS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, AND 350 MILES FROM THE STRATEGIC STRAIT OF HORMUZ, HAD TO ENDURE THE INVASION OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SOVIET FORCES; AND

WHEREAS: AS A RESULT OF THIS BRUTAL AGGRESSION, THE AFGHAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO FLEE THEIR COUNTRY - EVIDENCING THE EXTRAORDINARY MAGNITUDE OF THIS DISASTER; AND

WHEREAS: MORE THAN 750,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY TRUDGED ACROSS THE HIGH PASSES TO SEEK SHELTER IN PAKISTAN, AND MORE THAN 10,000 REFUGEES CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN PAKISTAN EACH WEEK; AND

WHEREAS: BEING ABLE TO BRING WITH THEM NOTHING MORE THAN THEIR PROUD RESILIENT SPIRIT, THESE PEOPLE ARE IN NEED OF EVERYTHING - SHELTER, FOOD, CLOTHING, FUEL AND MEDICAL CARE;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JULY 21 THROUGH 27, 1980 TO BE

AFGHANISTAN RELIEF WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME, FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN WITH THE AFGHANISTAN RELIEF COMMITTEE IN ASSISTING AND HELPING THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS FIRST DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND.

Albert H. Quie
GOVERNOR

Jan Anderson Grane *Lou Wangberg*
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR