

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Over 700 million people in the world are suffering from undernourishment; and

WHEREAS: The nature of the current crisis is not so much a global scarcity of food as maldistribution of agricultural resources. It is not practical that the poor villages of South Asia, Africa, and Latin America be fed by the wheat and cornfields of North America. They must depend for their food upon the harvest of their own farmers; and

WHEREAS: Oxfam-America, a development agency first started in England in 1942, is helping small farmers to grow more food for their families and neighbors; and

WHEREAS: By putting funds into rural associations and community-based projects in the Third World, such things as farm credit, water management, seeds, fertilizers and village-level health care become possible through the efforts of the people themselves; and

WHEREAS: North Americans have often expressed their concern for people in need. To give expression to this commitment, Oxfam-America has set aside November 20, the Thursday before Thanksgiving, to hold their sixth annual Fast for a World Harvest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I. ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 20, 1980 TO BE

FAST FOR A WORLD HARVEST DAY

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 TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THIS EVENT. AND TO PARTICIPATE FITTINGLY IN ITS OBSERVANCE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

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