



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND HAS LONG BEEN COMMITTED TO PROMOTING SELF-EXPRESSION AND COLLECTIVE ACTION AMONG BLIND PERSONS; AND

WHEREAS: TODAY, THE FEDERATION IS THE LARGEST AND OLDEST ORGANIZATION OF BLIND PERSONS WITH MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND MEMBERS NATIONWIDE WORKING TO SECURE EQUAL RIGHTS AND INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BLIND; AND

WHEREAS: FEDERATIONISTS STRIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD BLINDNESS SO THAT THE STEREOTYPES AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT BLINDNESS WILL BE REMOVED AND WILL BE REPLACED BY A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC APPROACH TO BLINDNESS; AND

WHEREAS: BLIND PERSONS ALSO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BLIND (JOB) PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND; AND

WHEREAS: THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND SERVES AS AN ADVOCATE FOR BLIND PERSONS SEEKING EQUAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND HAS LED THE WAY IN PROMOTING LEGISLATION TO GUARANTEE THESE RIGHTS TO BLIND PERSONS IN WHITE CANE LAWS PASSED BY MANY STATES, INCLUDING MINNESOTA; AND

WHEREAS: THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND WILL HOLD ITS FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 4-9;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JULY 4 THROUGH JULY 9, 1982 TO BE

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

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-TWO AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH.

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