



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an affiliation of 97 fraternal benefit societies and more than 10 million members, has designated June 8 to 14, 1984, as Fraternal Week; and

WHEREAS: The fraternal benefit system through its societies and local units in every community performs many religious, charitable, patriotic and benevolent activities; and

WHEREAS: The local units of these societies and their members, through civic and patriotic projects, render great service to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS: The fraternal benefit societies have long proclaimed their patriotism and celebrate Fraternal Week through special observance of Flag Day, June 14, and are a part of the National Fraternal Flag Day Foundation, an organization devoted to keeping alive the memory of Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand, the "father" of Flag Day, through the maintenance of the schoolhouse in Fredonia, Wisconsin, where in 1885 he held the first known Flag Day ceremony; and

WHEREAS: June 14, 1984, is the birthday of our nation's flag; and

WHEREAS: The National Fraternal Congress of America calls upon leaders of all its societies to apprise the nation of the ideals and objectives of the fraternal benefit system and to unite in observance of Fraternal Week and Flag Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 8 through June 14, 1984, to be

June

Fraternal Week

Minnesota, and call upon citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation of the contributions made by the fraternal benefit system.

Joan Anderson Stone
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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 tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-sixth.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Jones
Secretary of State