



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in 1909 by a multi-racial, cultural group to improve the political, educational, social and economic status of black Americans and other minority groups; and

WHEREAS: The N.A.A.C.P. was founded by people who were stirred and dismayed by the disenfranchisement, discrimination, and injustice suffered by black people; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's own native son, Roy Wilkins, provided exemplary leadership as Executive Director of the N.A.A.C.P. from 1956 to 1977; and

WHEREAS: The history of the N.A.A.C.P. is replete with many memorable moments and this dedication of its new headquarters and conference center is the culmination of dreams and hopes spanning more than three quarters of a century; and

WHEREAS: Much progress has been made since 1909 in setting right old wrongs; however wrongs still persist and the work of the N.A.A.C.P. is far from finished; and

WHEREAS: This move into its permanent headquarters sends a clear and encouraging message that it will remain vital and effective in the years to come; and

WHEREAS: In the words of Minnesota's native son, Roy Wilkins, "We must truly see others as ourselves and all as our nation...";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby commend and congratulate the N.A.A.C.P. on the dedication of its new national headquarters and its many years of involvement in civil rights.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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 fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Joan Anderson Howe

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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