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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Young Men's Christian Association in 1944 will have served youth around the world for 100 years and is, in fact, the oldest of the voluntary youth serving organizations, and

WHEREAS, in this century just past, the Young Men's Christian Association has developed in 66 nations, men of Christian character whose spiritual conviction, moral courage and social vision have made them leaders among their own people, giving the type of Christian leadership more needed in the world today than ever before, the type of leadership upon which our own peace and security in generations to come will certainly depend, and

WHEREAS, we here in Minnesota have benefited directly by the work of Y.M.C.A.'s with our own youth in our various communities for many generations past and realize that our youth is going to need help and guidance to build a new world in the years that will follow victory,

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J. THYE, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim

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Y.M.C.A. CENTENNIAL YEAR

and congratulate the thousands of members of this association in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to study the work of this great organization based upon Christian faith and help it to use its hundred years of experience for the benefit of the world of tomorrow.

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 in St. Paul, this 1st day of January, 1944.

Edward J. Thye
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

M. A. Tolson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Walter H. ...
Secretary of State

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