

A PROCLAMATION FOR

"SINCLAIR LEWIS MAIN STREET YEAR -- 1960"

WHEREAS, Sinclair Lewis, who was born and reared in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, faithfully and with the consummate skill of a great artist, portrayed a time and a place in American life which have become permanent parts of the literary and historical heritage of this country and of the world; and,

WHEREAS, this year is the seventy-fifth year since the birth of Sinclair Lewis; and,

WHEREAS, this year is the 40th anniversary of the publication of the novel, Main Street; and,

WHEREAS, this year is the 30th anniversary since Sinclair Lewis became the first American author to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature and thereby elevated American letters to a status worthy of the attention and thoughtful consideration of learned and sensitive men everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, it was the genius and artistic honesty of a son of our state which brought to American literature a permanent standard of excellence;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, hereby proclaim that Minnesota citizens shall observe the year 1960 as

"SINCLAIR LEWIS YEAR"

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 twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty and of the state the one hundred second.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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