

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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PROCLAMATION  
"ALASKA NEIGHBOR DAY"

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WHEREAS, distant Alaska, the 49th and largest State to enter the Union, is noted for its self-reliant and friendly people who share with us the aspirations of a mighty nation, and

WHEREAS, the "Big Dipper" and the North Star design of Alaska's "simple flag of the last frontier" and their poetic state song -- "The blue of its sea, its evening sky, / its mountain lakes, its flowers nearby" -- reveal their love of nature untarnished, and

WHEREAS, the people of Minnesota, too, under the symbol of the North Star have gloried in their frontier and today share with all Alaskans a deep and lasting love for the precious gifts of nature in abundance, and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that, as integral parts of a great and glorious nation, our peoples share countless frontier traditions, common goals, and aspirations, and are, thereby, truly good neighbors,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, in honor of and in friendship for our majestic fellow-sovereign state to the North do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 18th, 1963 to be

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in Minnesota and I call upon the citizens of the State of Minnesota to spiritually join hands in eternal friendship with the citizens of Alaska in the true pioneer spirit as exemplified by our ancestors in order that we may continue to work together to build a stronger, more perfect Union of States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed hereto at the State Capital this sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and of the State the one hundred sixth.

Karl F. Rolvaag  
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