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P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS, on August 1, 1291, three little states signed a perpetual covenant of mutual security--the beginning of the Swiss confederation of 22 cantons, which finally was completed in 1815, and
- WHEREAS, August 1, 1964, marks the six hundred seventy-third anniversary of the Confederation of Switzerland, and
- WHEREAS, Switzerland and the United States of America, each in its own way, have come to signify to all the world exemplary democracy, freedom, and respect for the dignity of man, and
- WHEREAS, for 113 years the relations between Switzerland and the United States have been covered by the continued existence between them of a Treaty of Friendship and Commerce, one of the first such to be signed by the United States and any European nation, and
- WHEREAS, both countries long since eschewed war as an instrument of national policy and each in its way and in accordance with its historic role in the world works actively for peace,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 1, 1964

"SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY"

in Minnesota, and take pleasure in sending to the people, the Cantons, and the Confederation of Switzerland the best wishes and the assurance of shared pride between the people of the two democracies.

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-sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and of the State, the one hundred seventh.

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Saravanan
SECRETARY OF STATE