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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for centuries Mothers have been honored in Greek mythology, in Biblical history, at Roman festivals, and later in the early Christian era by establishment in England of "Mothering Sunday", and

WHEREAS, the first organized Mother's Day in America was developed during the Civil War, by Anna Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia, who sought to comfort the boys in Blue and Gray and reduce their animosities, and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Mrs. Jarvis' daughter, Anna, the Congress of the United States, on February 4, 1914, provided the second Sunday in May as Mothers Day, a National Flag holiday, and

WHEREAS, the American Mothers Committee was organized in 1933 as a division of the Golden Rule Foundation; its purpose to develop and strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the American home and to give to the observance of Mothers Day a spiritual quality which highlights the standards of ideal Motherhood and recognized the importance of mothers in the home, the community, the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, the American Mothers Committee has, through the years, honored many remarkable women of all faiths, nationally and in the respective states, and

WHEREAS, it is proper that we renew our tribute to and the respect deserved by all mothers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, as has been my custom throughout my Administration, to extend my official congratulations to the 1970 Mother of the Year selected by the American Mothers Committee. I am particularly honored to relay my best wishes to the 1970 winner, Mrs.antha LeVander of South St. Paul. And I hereby proclaim Sunday, May 10, 1970 as

MOTHERS DAY

in Minnesota and call upon all our citizens to join in saluting and in expressing our grateful appreciation to all mothers for the priceless gifts they have given us.

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 the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the State, the one hundred twelfth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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