



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Since becoming a State in 1858, Minnesota has had 35 Governors, all of whom were chosen through our system of free and open elections, which has symbolized the strength and continuity of our State for more than a century; and

WHEREAS: The nine living Governors continue, in their respective private lives, to share with the State the fruits of their experience and the special insights gained from their terms as Chief Executive; and

WHEREAS: There are today more living former Governors of Minnesota than of any other state in the Union, a distinction due in part to the young age of many of the Governors upon their elections, and in part to the amenities of Minnesota life that foster longevity in our residents; and

WHEREAS: The people of the State have a special regard for those who have held the Office of Governor; and

WHEREAS: The lives and times of these nine former Governors have been documented in a public television series, "Minnesota Governors", produced by the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The Governors have, by their cooperation in the production of the series, made a significant contribution to Minnesota's historical archives; and

WHEREAS: The Governors, having assembled on this day to acknowledge the airing of the series beginning on February 20, 1981 are

ELMER A. BENSON (1937-1939)

HAROLD E. STASSEN (1939-1943)

C. ELMER ANDERSON (1951-1955)

ORVILLE L. FREEMAN (1955-1961)

ELMER L. ANDERSEN (1961-1963)

KARL F. ROLVAAG (1963-1967)

HAROLD LEVANDER (1967-1971)

WENDELL R. ANDERSON (1971-1977)

RUDY PERPICH (1977-1979)

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim

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and encourage the people of Minnesota to acknowledge the contributions these nine men have made in the building and development of our State, and to take note of the documentary series that commemorates the lives and times of these former Chief Executives of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-one, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

Jean Anderson Krane

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