

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation



WHEREAS: Lonnie Glenn Leverett was born on February 21, 1895, in Lincolnton, Georgia, to Anthony William and Laura Murray-Leverett; and

WHEREAS: Lonnie Glenn Leverett joined the United States Army in 1918. While stationed in France, he served in the 92nd Division Field Hospital unit as a nurse specializing in respiratory ailments until an honorable discharge in 1919; and

WHEREAS: After serving in the Armed Forces, Lonnie returned to Georgia and worked in his father's farming and livery enterprises until 1923; and

WHEREAS: Lonnie then traveled Minnesota where he was hired by Arthur Bennett of Milbank, South Dakota, to train his race horse and subsequently was hired by Mr. Bennett to clerk in his Milbank hotel and then to manage his automobile repair garage; and

WHEREAS: In 1925 Lonnie and a partner opened their own automobile sales and servicing business, but their bank failed and after losing all their capitol the business closed and Lonnie returned to Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS: It was during his employment at the Pullman Company (1927-57) that Lonnie became a leader in the organized labor movement in Minnesota. From 1930 until his retirement in 1957, Lonnie served as president of the Twin Cities Local of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Porters and under his leadership, union membership grew from 25 to approximately 155; and

WHEREAS: Lonnie Glenn Leverett has been an active member of St. Peter's A.M.E. Church and for forty-five consecutive years he has served as Treasurer of the Trustee Board; he oversaw the construction of two major building projects at St. Peter's; and in 1964, became the first lay member of the Chicago Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Church to be licensed as a Lay Reader; and

WHEREAS: Lonnie Glenn Leverett is celebrating his 100th birthday with the members of the community he has so faithfully and devotedly served;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 26, 1995 to be

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in Minnesota.



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 February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five and of the State the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE