



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

Whereas on February 26, 1857 Minnesota Territorial Governor Willis Gorman signed the charter establishing the Mount Zion Hebrew Association as the first Jewish institution in the upper Midwest; and

Whereas in 1862 a religious school was established; and

Whereas in 1871 the first rabbi, Leopold Wintner, was hired; the Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society was founded; and the name was changed to Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation; and

Whereas in 1878 the congregation officially embraced Reform Judaism and joined the Union of American Hebrew Congregations now known as the Union for Reform Judaism; and

Whereas in 1897 Mount Zion women established Neighborhood House for Eastern European immigrants and continued to support the agency to this day as the population shifted and the countries of origin changed; and

Whereas in 1930 the temple library was established as the first repository of Jewish scholarship in the upper Midwest; and

Whereas in 1953 women members received equal voting rights; and

Whereas in 1954 the congregation dedicated its current building at 1300 Summit Avenue, designed by Erich Mendelsohn; and

Whereas in 2007 this 690-family congregation celebrates its 150th anniversary committed to its vision as a welcoming and vibrant Jewish spiritual home devoted to life-long learning, worship and acts of loving kindness; and

Whereas throughout its history Mount Zion Temple and its members have fully engaged in the economic, social, civic, and religious life of Saint Paul and Minnesota; contributing to their growth, development, and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2007, as:

MOUNT ZION TEMPLE DAY

in the State of 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 26th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the State the one hundred forty-eighth.



Maal Kittel

SECRETARY OF STATE

Tim Pawlenty signature

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