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Recognizing the gallant chapters in American history written by the men and ships of the United States Navy, a day has annually been set apart when all Americans could dignify their tribute. Sunday, October 27, 1946 has been established for this customary observance nationally this year.

Observance of this day is especially significant this year, not only because the American people are especially mindful of the large and vital part the Navy played in achieving the victory of our armed forces in World War II, but because they look forward to the continued development and improvement of a strong Naval Reserve as an important instrument of our national security. Thus the slogan for Navy Day this year is especially timely: "New Navy - Victor in War, Guardian in Peace."

Minnesota is especially proud of its own naval veterans of World War II who served with such gallantry and distinction, and remembers with gratitude and reverence those who laid down their lives in the naval service during the war.

Therefore, in proclaiming Sunday, October 27, 1946 as Navy Day in Minnesota, in conformity with the national observance, I invite our citizens generally to join in public exercises of appreciation and recognition of the men and ships of the United States Navy.

Since Navy Day falls on Sunday, it is fitting that appropriate Naval religious services be conducted on that day, including special flower funeral services in honor of those who lost their lives at sea in defense of their country, and that other customary features of the day be held on the preceding Saturday or the following Monday.

At WASHINGTON, D. C., I have instructed my hand and signed the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul this twenty-second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-six and of the State, the eighty-ninth.

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