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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joseph L. Sanderson
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR
"CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK"

WHEREAS, our freedom as individuals and our growth as a Nation have their beginnings in the Constitution of the United States, signed at Philadelphia on September 17, 1787, the principles of which have been sustained and defended, in peace and in war, by generations of dedicated citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all citizens, both native-born and naturalized, observe the birthday of the Constitution and reaffirm their determination to keep faith with the Founding Fathers by giving life and meaning to the ideals of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved February 29, 1952, the Congress designated the seventeenth day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of those citizens who have come of age and those who have been naturalized during the year; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved August 2, 1956, the Congress requested the President to designate the week beginning September 17 of each year as Constitution Week, a time for study and observance of the acts which resulted in the formation of the Constitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 17, 1959 as

CITIZENSHIP DAY

and urge Federal, State and local officials, as well as all religious, civic, educational, and other organizations, to plan appropriate ceremonies on Citizenship Day to develop a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

I also designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1959 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and urge all Minnesotans to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools and churches and in other suitable places.

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 nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine and of the state, the one hundred second.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE