

MINNESOTA

Declaration of "I Am an American" Day

WHEREAS, the right to say "I am an American" is a truly glorious privilege, worthy of highest dignity, deep appreciation and pride; and

WHEREAS, citizenship demands tremendous obligations in a country which has given to men the best that civilization has known, a leading nation of the world and a vital influence in the preservation of the peace; and

WHEREAS, our progress and achievements as a nation have resulted in great degree from the many contributions of people who have come to America from other lands in search of freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, each year sees our millions of native-born young men and women reach the age which makes them citizens, with all privileges and obligations; and

WHEREAS, we have recently had a major share in winning victory in a terrible war in which many of our finest men and women gave their lives in defense of our heritage and ideals as American citizens; and

WHEREAS, our citizens, citizens and foreign-born alike, must meet the challenges of peace with the new courage, resolution and steadfastness with which they encountered times of war; and

WHEREAS, I, WALTER S. THORNTON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, in keeping with resolutions of the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of this State, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 12, 1947, as

"I AM AN AMERICAN DAY"

in Minnesota. I urge that it be a day dedicated to the appreciation of citizenship and commitment to the ideals and principles of American democracy; that civic groups, educational organizations, patriotic societies and other groups lend special attention to honor our new citizens and to help them understand the true meaning of citizenship; and that special tribute be paid to those citizens who served our nation in time of danger and, especially, to those who gave their lives in the greatest sacrifice of loyalty and sacrifice.

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 Capital in St. Paul this 11th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the State the sixtieth.

Luther W. Youngdahl
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