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Mike Holan
Secretary of State

WHEREAS, the progress of our nation has derived in great degree from the numerous contributions of people who have come here from other lands in search of freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the vigor of our nation is constantly renewed by the coming of one of our native-born youth who receive the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, loyalty to the cherished ideals of our nation has united peoples of all creeds and cultures in a way which has enabled us to meet every crisis and challenge; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we pause to consider the many blessings that are ours because of American citizenship;

BEFORE ME, I, *LESTER W. YOUNGDOHL*, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 16, 1948, as

"I AM AN AMERICAN DAY"

In order that the people of our State may join with those of the rest of the nation in devoting this special day to the value and meaning of American citizenship.

I call upon civic groups, educational organizations, patriotic societies and all other public-spirited groups to commemorate the occasion by holding special exercises and programs to honor our new citizens and to help them better understand the true meaning of citizenship. Let it be a day for all citizens to join in rededicating themselves to the ideals of American Democracy.

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 in St. Paul this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-eight and of the State the ninetieth.

Lester W. Youngdohl
GOVERNOR

APPROVED:

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