

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of Air Force Day in Minnesota

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has designated September 18, 1948, as Air Force Day to honor the air arm of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force on September 18, 1947, in the fortieth year of its history as the oldest military air organization in the world, became an autonomous Air Force and thus observes this year its first anniversary as an independent organization in the defense structure of our nation; and

WHEREAS, a grateful citizenry, recalling the years of hazardous experiment and service which produced our modern air strength, recognizes that the United States Air Force is one of the most vital means of security for the nation and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. GUNDEL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 18, 1948, as

AIR FORCE DAY IN MINNESOTA

and call upon all citizens to join in the observance of this first anniversary of our independent Air Force and pay honor to the men and women who have contributed to its growth through faithful service, often at the sacrifice of their lives. It is an occasion when we should also pay tribute to those in the fields of science and production who have aided in the building of our air power. I urge appropriate ceremonies be held in expression of our appreciation of the contributions of American military air power to our continuing peace and lasting security.

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 thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-eight and of the State the ninety-first.

ATTEST:

Luther W. Gundel
GOVERNOR

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