

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for Registration Week

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a priceless privilege through which we can preserve and protect our American heritage of freedom; and

WHEREAS, too many Americans fail to take advantage of this right with the tragic result that in our country--the greatest democracy in the world, with the best educated electorate--the proportion of citizens who take the trouble to vote is lower than in any real democracy; and

WHEREAS, this dangerous apathy and neglect was revealed in the general election of 1948 when there were over 61,000,000 qualified voters in the United States but only 55,000,000 cast their ballots; and

WHEREAS, our democracy can remain strong only if citizens are willing to assume their responsibilities by participation in the affairs of government;

I, THOMAS W. FORD, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5 to 10 as

REGISTRATION WEEK

and urge all citizens to give observance by making sure they are properly registered and prepared to cast a ballot in the general election of November. I especially urge those citizens who have recently turned twenty one years of age to so qualify and be ready to vote for the first time.

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 Saint Paul this twenty-eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and of the State, the ninety-first.

Luther W. Youngdahl
GOVERNOR

APPROVE:

Mike Holm
SECRETARY OF STATE

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