

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Patriots' Day"

WHEREAS, April 19 has long been celebrated in various States of our Union as Patriots' Day, to mark the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord where "the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world" in the cause of freedom, and

WHEREAS, the critical state of the world today demands that the full force of every American be exerted toward strengthening this country's power for peace, and

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation depends upon the wise management of our economic resources, personal and national, and

WHEREAS, the United States Savings Bonds program builds economic strength and stability for our nation and our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. YOUNGBLAD, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby call upon the citizens of this State to observe Tuesday, April 19th, 1949 as

"PATRIOTS' DAY"

to pay honor to the Minute Men of 1775 and all their successors who have served the cause of freedom and security throughout our history, and with them to honor the patriotic Minute Men and Women who are working today as volunteers in the Savings Bonds program in our State and their own communities, knowing that only the strong can be free and only the productive and thrifty can be strong;

AND, FURTHER, I call upon the citizens of this State to make this PATRIOTS' DAY a day of rededication to thrift in their daily lives through the regular purchase of United States Savings Bonds on the Payroll Savings Plan where they work, the Bond-a-Month Plan where they bank, or at our banks and post-offices, and by volunteering to serve as Minute Men in the 1949 Opportunity Savings Bond drive, May 16th through June 30th, thus helping to fortify our people and our nation against whatever the future may bring and to create opportunity for better living in peace and continuing prosperity in this land of freedom.

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 twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine and of the state, the ninety-first.

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*Mike Holm*  
Secretary of State

ATTEST:

*Mike Holm*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Luther W. Youngblad*  
GOVERNOR  
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