

EXECUTIVE ORDER

A Proclamation for "Constitution Day"

WHEREAS, the American Constitution is the keystone of the Republic, the charter of our liberty, and the guarantor of orderly processes of government; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 1869, marks the 100th anniversary of the formal adoption of our national Constitution by delegates of the original thirteen states assembled at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, in these crucial days when the preservation of individual freedom is threatened in the world, our American Constitution remains as the greatest hope and inspiration of freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, as our nation grew and became great, the American Constitution was implemented well to meet changing conditions and new problems; and

WHEREAS, the example of how effectively our Federal Constitution has kept pace with the times makes us mindful of the fact that another important constitution, our State Constitution, has not been adapted to meet modern conditions and problems; and

WHEREAS, an up-to-date State Constitution is also essential to the maintenance of our form of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOUIS W. SWENSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 17, 1969, as

"CONSTITUTION DAY"

and urge all churches, schools, civic and patriotic organizations and all citizens to join in appropriate programs so that all of us may have a greater understanding and respect for the gifts of liberty, equality and justice granted us by the American Constitution. I further urge that we make plans to hold a State Constitutional Convention for the purpose of considering steps whereby the State Constitution may also be implemented and adapted to meet modern conditions and thus better serve the people of Minnesota.

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 eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty and of the State the ninety-third.

*Louis W. Swenson*

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