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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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A Proclamation for "Independence Week"

Miss Helen
Secretary of State

WHEREAS, fifty-six famous Americans, the same number as signed the Declaration of Independence, have formed a "Committee to Proclaim Liberty" to reaffirm the spiritual foundation for our freedom by re-emphasizing freedom under God by fitting religious observances of the 4th of July, and
WHEREAS, in 1776 John Adams declared, "It ought to be commemorated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty", and
WHEREAS, the keynote of Independence Day was sounded in the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, in these immortal words:

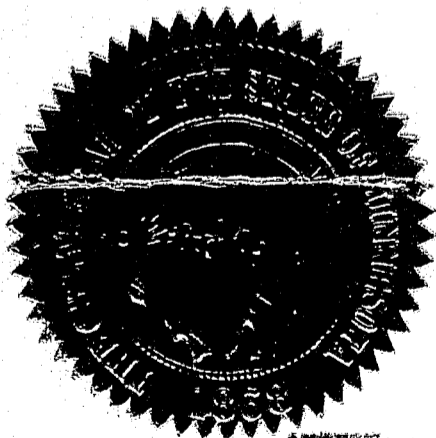
"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. FOUNSDAHL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim a "Freedom Under God" observance of

"INDEPENDENCE WEEK"

from June 30 to July 6, 1951, to emphasize the sacred and spiritual foundations of our freedom with a ringing of church bells at noon on July 4th, preaching of sermons on Independence Sabbath with a general theme of "Freedom Under God", and other appropriate spiritual observances of our nation's 175th Independence Day.

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 nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fifty-one and of the state, the ninety-fourth.



ATTEST:

Luther W. Foundsahl
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