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Luther Youngdahl
Secretary of State

WHEREAS, June 25th marks the tenth anniversary of President Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802, declaring it to be the policy of the United States that "there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries or government because of race, creed, color or national origin;" and

WHEREAS, this now historic Order, and the Committee on Fair Employment Practice which it created, strengthened national morale and unity and contributed to the miracle of production which helped make possible the winning of World War II; and

WHEREAS, June 25 also marks the first anniversary of the communist invasion of the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, Discrimination in employment interferes with the defense production required to meet this threat to human freedom, provides fuel for the enemies' propaganda machine, and violates the principles of liberty and human dignity for which Americans of every race, creed and color are once again sacrificing their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER R. YOUNGDAL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate Monday, June 25, 1951, as

"FAIR EMPLOYMENT DAY"

In order to help call attention to the importance of establishing and maintaining fair employment practices in our factories and places of business so that we may bring our practices to conformity with our democratic professions of faith, promote the maximum use of our manpower skills for defense production, and assure that the equality of sacrifice of our fighting men on the battlefield will be matched by equality of opportunity at home.

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

Luther Youngdahl
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Mike Holm
SECRETARY OF STATE

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