

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Armed Forces Day"

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day was established to permit the people of the United States to express their respect for the men and women of the Armed Forces, who through their patriotic service and devotion provide our nation with strength that is necessary to maintain our security and freedom, and to exercise positive leadership as a power for peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces in the State of Minnesota, including the Regular Army, the Air Force and Navy, the Minnesota National Guard and the reserve components of each regular service are performing their vital role in upholding and maintaining the security of the state and of the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that all citizens of Minnesota devote one day each year to paying tribute to the armed forces that constitute an indispensable element of our strength and, thus, contribute materially to the greatness of the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, join with the President of the United States in proclaiming Saturday, May 21, 1955, as

"ARMED FORCES DAY"

and urge all citizens to participate in appropriate ceremonies and other events calling attention to the vital activities, records, history and heraldry of our Armed Forces.

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 ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five and of the state, the ninety-seventh.

ATTEST:

*Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
JOSEPH L. DONOVAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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