

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for Flag Day

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted an emblem which was the forerunner of our present national flag; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we commemorate in a proper and fitting manner the day on which this symbol of our freedom was chosen and that we call to mind the fundamental principles for which it stands; and

WHEREAS, our flag has been held aloft as a guiding light in those dark hours when the men of our country were fighting to retain the tenets they hold dear, on the battlefields of the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the other struggles of the nineteenth century and the three great world-shaking conflicts we have seen in our own time; and

WHEREAS, this flag has become a beacon shining in the free world, symbolizing to all peoples the respect for the dignity of the individual and his right to a decent life, the concept of government for the people - a government freely chosen and subject to the voters who constitute its domain; and

WHEREAS, our national emblem is enshrined in the hearts of all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1955 as

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and do call upon the citizens of this state to honor the colors of our nation by displaying them at their homes or other suitable places and by prayerfully remembering the blessings our nation has received under this banner as well as the millions of men and women who still live under a yoke of oppression and slavery.

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 thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and of the State, the ninety-eighth.

ATTEST:

Joseph R. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

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