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A Proclamation for Constitution Day

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WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States was adopted by the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, one hundred sixty-eight years ago, and after ratification by the states became the fundamental law of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution thus became the fundamental basis for the government of the United States, a framework upon which great progress and growth could take place, and a safeguard of the principles of freedom and justice and equality before the law which have made our country great; and

WHEREAS, now, more than ever, when these principles are being challenged by opposing philosophies based upon force and upon a denial of individual worth; when free, democratic government must meet the needs and demands of the atomic age; when the United States of America is the leader of free peoples all over the world; it is of utmost importance that every American should understand and actively support the principles and ideals embodied in our Constitution;

Now, **SENATOR**, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of September 17, 1955,

"CONSTITUTION DAY"

and further proclaim the week of September 17-23, 1955, as

"CONSTITUTION WEEK"

and urge that during this observance, the flag of the United States be displayed at all appropriate places and times, and that all interested organizations arrange for appropriate ceremonies directed toward emphasizing the rights and responsibilities of all citizens under our Constitution; and

I further urge that this week be regarded as one of special emphasis of principles that should receive continuing attention throughout the year, to the end that we may all constantly recognize the importance of upholding vigorously the constitutional principles of freedom, equality and justice which are as important today as they were to our founding fathers, and which are so necessary if we are to maintain and extend the blessings of opportunity, individual dignity and human freedom.

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

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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