

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Servicemen's Voting Week"

WHEREAS, one of the basic tenets of our democracy is the intelligent participation by all citizens of the nation in the conduct and administration of their own government; and

WHEREAS, the most effective and fundamental means of exercising the right of self-government is through the vote cast in every election; and

WHEREAS, there are many citizens of Minnesota now faithfully representing our state in the service of their country; and

WHEREAS, it is important that these members of our Armed Forces cast their ballots in the coming election so that their voice may also be heard in determining the results; and

WHEREAS, The American Veterans Committee is conducting a non-political and non-partisan campaign from September 2 to September 9, 1956 to appeal to all families and friends of servicemen to write to men and women in our Armed Forces stressing the need to obtain their absentee ballots and to vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 2 - 9, 1956 as

"Servicemen's Voting Week"

and urge all citizens of Minnesota to write to their relatives and friends in the service to obtain their absentee ballot in order to insure their vote in the 1956 elections.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and of the state, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:

*Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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