

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for National Traffic Memorial Day

WHEREAS, automobile accidents, taking an annual toll of more than 38,000 killed and two million injured, now amount to a national disaster; and

WHEREAS, October, November and December constitute the period when automobile accidents reach their peak; and

WHEREAS, this needless slaughter and maiming of our citizens must be brought under effective control;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 30, 1956, as

NATIONAL TRAFFIC MEMORIAL DAY

and urge that each Minnesota citizen make a personal solemn resolution to take every possible measure to prevent automobile accidents or recklessness on our Minnesota streets and highways. These measures should apply to the driver and to the pedestrian, to engineering and policing highways, and the design of the automobile itself with special consideration for safety of operation. Special attention should be given on Traffic Memorial Day to the seriousness of the tragic toll in automobile accidents and a determination to dedicate ourselves to bringing these accidents under effective control.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, in witness whereof, hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and of the state, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Johnson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Johnson*  
Secretary of State

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