

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Servicemen's Voting Week"

WHEREAS, our state and nation is founded on the principles of individual liberty and participation in government which were outlined in our state and federal constitutions; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect these freedoms which have made our nation and our people the leaders of the world, it is necessary that each and every citizen exercise his privilege of casting a vote in every election; and

WHEREAS, 61,000 of Minnesota's sons and daughters will be serving in our Armed Forces at the time of the November, 1956 election and will be eligible to vote under the Federal Voting Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, our state has provided that these citizens can obtain a ballot by writing to the Board of Elections in their home county of residence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of September 30 - October 6, 1956 as

SERVICEMEN'S VOTING WEEK

and urge all Minnesota citizens here at home, through their veterans organizations, civic organizations, service groups, political parties, and on their own behalf to write to our men and women in the Armed Forces urging them to exercise their right to vote by applying for their military ballots by the deadline, October 25, 1956 and casting them in time for counting in the November 6th election.

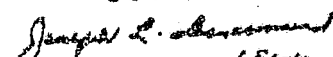
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and of the state, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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