

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Bill of Rights Day"

WHEREAS, this year marks the 165th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights - the vital first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States which guarantees "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" to each citizen of our country; and

WHEREAS, we can sometimes forget and take for granted the inviolable principles upon which these rights are founded and, in so neglecting them, lay them open to attack in subtle and insidious ways; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the preservation and continued growth of our free system of democratic government that we re-read and re-meditate on the Bill of Rights, realizing the consequences it draws for our daily rights and the need for its constant protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of December 15, 1956 as


BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

and urge all Minnesotans to re-examine this important document and be alert for its protection in every walk of life.

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 twelfth day of November 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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