

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "SEABEE Day"

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1942, there officially came into being a unique fighting force in the history of our country, the Naval Construction Battalion; and

WHEREAS, these Construction Battalions, popularly known as the SEABEES, combined the technical know-how of skilled engineers and craftsmen with the courageous spirit of rugged fighting men; and

WHEREAS, in the Second World War and again in the Korean conflict the SEABEES preceded and accompanied our combat forces, sometimes under heavy fire, constructing airfields, docks, roads and the other essential elements which saved countless thousands of lives and enabled American forces to do their job; and

WHEREAS, the Naval Construction Battalions of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, together with Minnesota's volunteer groups throughout the state, are joining the National SEABEES in celebration of the SEABEES' fifteenth birthday;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of March 5, 1957 as

"SEABEE DAY"

and the week of March 3 - 9, 1957 as "SEABEE WEEK" culminating in the Minnesota celebration of this anniversary on March 8, 1957. I hereby urge all Minnesotans to recognize the outstanding contributions that have been and are still being made by this arm of our fighting forces.

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 fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and of the State, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Wendell A. Johnson
SECRETARY OF STATE

James H. Johnson
Secretary of State

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