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A PROCLAMATION FOR ARMED FORCES VOTER USE

WHEREAS, exercising the privilege of voting is one of the most important duties of all citizens in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, the members of the armed forces of the United States of America have dedicated themselves to preserving our great democratic privileges including the right of all citizens to vote in free elections; and

WHEREAS, the members of our armed forces and their dependents are often far removed from the communities in which they are entitled to vote, and may exercise the great privilege they are fighting to defend only through the absentee ballot;

I, **FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT**, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 15 through 21, 1958, as

ARMED FORCES VOTER WEEK

as a means of urging and encouraging the members of the Armed Forces of the United States to exercise their voting privileges by utilizing the absentee ballot, and their dependents with them.

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 third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight and of the state, the one hundred first.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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