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A PROCLAMATION FOR "SEABOBS DAY"

WHEREAS, early in 1942, at a time when the future security and life of our republic were in critical danger, the United States Navy formed its new world famous Construction Battalions, officially and popularly designated as the Seabees; and

WHEREAS, throughout the long months of World War II, nearly a quarter of a million Seabees worked night and day to provide roadways, airstrips and shore installations, which enabled the armed might of our nation and its allies to prevail over the tremendous force of our enemies and in the Korean action as well, Seabees were actively engaged in amphibious landings and important in stemming the rising tide of communist aggression in that part of the world; and

WHEREAS, today, wherever the interests of our nation require them, the knowledge and ability of the Seabees are being used for the protection of the American people and back of these on full time active duty is a strong and vitally energetic Seabee Reserve of construction men, trained and ready for further service to the country at any time the need arises;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, in order to pay tribute to the gallantry and accomplishments of the Seabees on the 17th anniversary of their formation, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 5, 1959, as

"SEABOBS DAY"

and call the attention of our citizens to the proud record of the Seabees in supporting our Armed Forces.

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 Capital this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine and of the state, the one hundred first.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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