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Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR THE
TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY

WHEREAS, ten years ago, on April 4, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty was signed at Washington by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Greece and Turkey each became a party to the treaty on February 18, 1952, and the Federal Republic of Germany did likewise on May 6, 1955; and

WHEREAS, this treaty has resulted in collaboration for the common defense and in political cooperation among the fifteen members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to a degree unprecedented in history, and has thereby significantly contributed to economic, social and cultural progress among the peoples of the North Atlantic area; and

WHEREAS, this association of free nations is a mainstay of peace and a shield of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has requested its member governments to arrange and encourage, in their respective countries, appropriate observances and celebrations on the occasion of this anniversary.

TEN, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 4, 1959 as the

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AND urge all Minnesotans to participate in appropriate activities and ceremonies, in cooperation with the American Council on NATO in recognition of the objectives and achievements of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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 thirty-first day of March 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:

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