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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR "MINNESOTA JET DAY"

WHEREAS, the defense of this nation is based on the continual vigilance of our regular and reserve Air Force Personnel; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Air National Guard has played a very prominent role in actual combat and in reserve status, it has been fitting and proper that the finest air craft designed and produced by American ingenuity should be assigned to our units based in Minnesota. The story of the Starfires is one of magnificent valor. These jet interceptors were the first all-weather 24-hour radar air defense planes; the first American-built jet ever to see combat, and the first ever to knock down a MIG in the Korean War. The Star Fighter is also credited with being the first Air Force jet fighter to gain a night radar kill over any plane in Korea when it knocked down the mauling Red Propeller craft, an LA-9.

WHEREAS, the performance of our regular and reserve Air Force personnel has been a credit to our nation and to the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the 179th Air National Guard now based at Duluth has found a home for the famed P-94 G as a permanent reminder of America's night and vigilance at the Minnesota Museum of Mining located at Chisholm; and

WHEREAS, the Iron Range residents have set aside Saturday, October 17 as a special day to observe the arrival of the P-94G, and to arrange for its permanent home in the Minnesota Museum of Mining;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 17, 1950 as

"MINNESOTA JET DAY"

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 15th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine and of the state, the one hundred second.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE