

PROCLAMATION

VETERANS' DAY

WHEREAS, it has long been a traditional custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening years the United States has been involved in two other great military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an Act approved May 13, 1938 that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of our freedom, the Congress, by an Act approved June 1, 1954, changed the name of the holiday to Veterans' Day;

Now, therefore, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim November 11, 1959 as Veterans' Day in Minnesota and urge all Minnesotans to observe this day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who sought to preserve freedom and by rededicating ourselves to promoting an enduring peace among all men.

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 twenty-eighth 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. Donnan

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Secretary of State