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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
MAY 2 1960  
Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Israel, citadel of democratic freedoms and best friend and staunchest ally of the United States in the Middle East, will celebrate the Twelfth Anniversary of its founding on May 2, 1950; and

WHEREAS, May 2, 1960 commemorates the 100th birthday of Theodore Herzl, founding father of the Zionist movement who inspired millions with his dream of a Jewish State restored to the family of nations; and

WHEREAS, the great cause for which Israel lived and died, the achievement of "a publicly recognized, legally secured home" for the Jewish people who suffered persecution and oppression in lands less fortunate than ours, has now come to fruition in the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel by action and example fulfills the prophetic vision of its founders as a radiant center of Hebrew civilization, culture, and faith in the brotherhood of man; and

WHEREAS, the new State of Israel has made and continues to make the most strenuous efforts toward achieving economic stability and at the same time is lending encouragement and assistance to other new nations in Africa and Asia; and

WHEREAS, its rapid progress toward economic independence justifies the wisdom of American policies of aid and sustenance to this young nation,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning Sunday, May 1, as

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY  
AND  
THEODORE HERZL CENTENARY WEEK

and bid all my fellow citizens to join in these historic celebrations.

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-second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty and of the state the one hundred second.

*Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Anderson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE