

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 13, 1960, is the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of General of the Armies John J. Pershing, one of our Nation's greatest military leaders; and,

WHEREAS, as Commander of all the American armies in World War I, his outstanding military leadership was a major force in bringing victory to the allied cause; and,

WHEREAS, our Nation, and those with which we were joined in freedom's battles in those critical years, will be forever grateful to General Pershing for his great and distinguished military services; and,

WHEREAS, by joint resolution, approved June 1, 1960, the Congress requested the President to proclaim September 13, 1960 as a day upon which all Americans should pay honor and respect to General of the Armies Pershing and the men who served under him; and,

WHEREAS, the President has by proclamation invited the people of this Nation to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies designed to commemorate the life and accomplishments of General Pershing and those who served with him.

BEFORE ME, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 11, 1960 as

"GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN J. PERSHING CENTENNIAL WEEK"

and urge Minnesota Civic and Patriotic Organizations, the State's military forces, our educational institutions, the Press, Radio and Television, and interested citizens everywhere to appropriately observe this week in paying honor and respect to the memory and accomplishments of this distinguished American military leader, and the victorious forces which he led.

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 twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty and of the State the one hundred third.

Orville L. Freeman

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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