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Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR "GENERAL INDEPENDENCE WEEK"

- WHEREAS, the State of Israel will, on April 21, 1961, commemorate the 15th anniversary of its declared independence and at the same time symbolically restate its traditional Bar Mitzvah Day, signifying accession to the responsibilities of manhood; and
- WHEREAS, the young nation already constitutes a factor of maturity and stability in the world by its steadfast adherence to and defense of democratic ideals and its contribution to the security of the free world; and
- WHEREAS, Israel continues to make rapid strides forward to complete economic stabilization, developing its natural resources to the full and making use of its growing reserves of skilled manpower; and
- WHEREAS, Israel steadily and gladly shares the benefits of experience and experience with an increasing number of African and Asian nations, either by sending technical missions to aid their programs or by receiving groups of teachers and students who learn by example on Israel's own soil; and
- WHEREAS, Israel has managed in spite of its own strength for survival to offer human and hope for the distressed of every land and to provide a beacon of enlightenment and spiritual dignity for all peoples;

I, **ELMER L. ANDERSON**, Governor of the State of Minnesota,  
do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 21, 1961, as

"GENERAL INDEPENDENCE WEEK"

and urge all our citizens to join in the historic celebration and pay tribute to its many and varied accomplishments.

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 21st day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one and of the State, the one hundred third.

*Elmer L. Anderson*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Anderson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE