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A PROCLAMATION FOR CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK

WHEREAS, the growth of our Nation and the safeguarding of its principles of liberty, justice, and opportunity rest upon the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting in these crucial times that all citizens, naturalized and native-born, pledge themselves anew to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and to rededicate themselves to the service of our country; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved February 29, 1952, the Congress designated the seventeenth day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, and in recognition of those citizens who have come of age and those who have been naturalized during the year; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved August 2, 1956, the Congress requested the President to designate the week beginning September 17 of each year as Constitution Week—a time for the study and observance of the acts and events which resulted in the formation of the Constitution,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 17, 1961 as

CITIZENSHIP DAY

and urge all state and local officials, as well as religious, civic, educational, and other organizations, to hold appropriate ceremonies on that day to develop a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and I do further designate the week beginning September 17 through September 23, 1961, as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and urge all Minnesotans to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools and churches and in other suitable places in order that our citizens may achieve a better understanding and deeper appreciation of the Constitution.

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 ninth day of May 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

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SECRETARY OF STATE