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A PROCLAMATION FOR "I AM AN AMERICAN DAY"

WHEREAS, the peace of the world and the security of our nation are being threatened as never before by the ruthlessness of International Communism, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has called upon the people of our nation to meet the growing crisis with firmness and determination, and

WHEREAS, the President and the Congress have determined that the Armed Forces of the nation must be reinforced by ordering to duty units and individual members of the reserve forces, and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1961, the 692nd Quartermaster Company and Company B, 324th Army Security Agency Battalion, of the Army Reserve and Headquarters 133d Air Transport Wing and the 133d Air Transport Group of the Minnesota Air National Guard will enter the service of the United States Army and United States Air Force as the first contingent of Minnesota citizen-soldiers activated in the reinforcement program, and

WHEREAS, the people of Minnesota are determined to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to meet the challenge that threatens our way of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 1, 1961 as

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in Minnesota and call upon all citizens of the state to rededicate themselves to our American principles of freedom and justice. I urge as many as can do so to attend the activation ceremonies at Fort Snelling on that date to demonstrate to the young men and women being mobilized our appreciation of their service and as an expression to the President of the United States of our unqualified loyalty and support in this time of crisis.

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-ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one and of the State, the one hundred fourth.

Elmer L. Andersen
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE