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A PROCLAMATION FOR VETERANS DAY 1961

WHEREAS, Veterans, their family members and dependent survivors comprise nearly half the Nation's population; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1,000,000 men and women have died in service that we might enjoy the great heritage of freedom and liberty which is ours; and

WHEREAS, the people of this nation are grateful to the veterans of the Armed Forces who have faithfully performed their duties of citizenship and served nobly in times of peril; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, by Act approved June 1, 1954 (Public Law 380, 83rd Congress, 68 Stat. 163) expanded the significance of November 11, previously declared a legal holiday and observed as Armistice Day, and designated it as Veterans Day in honor of our veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby encourage all citizens of this State to observe Veterans Day with me in appropriate ceremonies expressive of our people's desire for peace and their gratitude to our veterans who have served and sacrificed to obtain it.

I also call upon local officials to encourage citizen groups and agencies of the press, radio, and television, to engage in appropriate activities including the display of the United States and State flags in all public buildings in tribute to those who, in disregard to their personal safety, have contributed so much toward the realization of our national goals.

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 Capital this twenty-fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-one and of the State, the one hundred fourth.

Elmer L. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE