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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, American freedom fighters officially began the struggle for independence on April 19, 1775, with engagements at Lexington and Concord, to which Americans were summoned by the tolling of bells; and

WHEREAS, today the need is just as acute to defend independence which was won by the patriot fathers; and

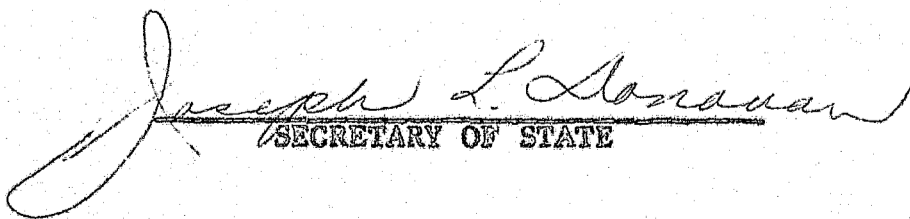
WHEREAS, our national survival in the Cold War depends on the will and willingness of all our people to participate in our hard-won freedoms, and by the participation demonstrate their value as enduring institutions in this free society; and

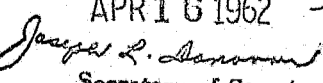
WHEREAS, a fitting symbol of our attachment to these institutions is a bell, tolling out a warning that freedoms must be utilized and defended in order to underscore the difference between ourselves and other peoples not as fortunate as we,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do proclaim Thursday, April 19, 1962 as "BELLS ACROSS THE NATION DAY" and urge all our citizens to participate in the symbolic observance, whenever possible, by tolling bells and ringing carillons and chimes and the playing of our National Anthem on radio and television at exactly 12:00 Noon, Central Standard Time for a period of four minutes, with such observances a fitting tribute to the love of freedom that rang in the hearts of the pioneers and which must continue to echo in our own.

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 sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and of the State the one hundred fourth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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