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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

- 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 critical 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; and
- WHEREAS, this year marks the 175th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim September 17, 1962 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 of September 17 - September 23, 1962, 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 seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, and of the State the one hundred fifth.

Joseph L. Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Elmer L. Andersen
GOVERNOR