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A PROCLAMATION FOR "GENERAL FREDERICK VON STEUBEN DAY"

WHEREAS, a handful of pilgrims came to this continent, and through their efforts and the steadfastness of their beliefs to be free and independent; and,

WHEREAS, it was the desire of these thirteen colonies to be free and loosen the bondage of the chains which held their political ties to another; and,

WHEREAS, men of courage, such as General Frederick Von Steuben, aided in this large task of advancing the convictions of our forefathers in order that our generation might be free; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick Von Steuben typifies the great contribution to Minnesota and the nation made by many distinguished Americans of Germanic heritage--contributions ramified from scientific excellence to cultural attainments; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota's strength in large measure depends on the outpouring of ideas provided by all nationalities, including the German ancestry with more Minnesotans belonging to this group than any other single nationality; and,

WHEREAS, General Frederick von Steuben's birthday is celebrated on the 17th day of September by the Steuben Society of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of September 17, 1962 as

"General Frederick von Steuben Day"

as a reminder to the people of Minnesota of the great Germanic heritage of this state given to us by those individuals who also wanted to be free in seeking life, liberty, and the happiness of mankind.

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 first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and of the State the one hundred fifth.

Elmer L. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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