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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 17, 1963, marks the one hundred and seventy-sixth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787, and

WHEREAS, The strength of our Nation and the fundamental rights of our citizens are derived from the Constitution. It is appropriate on the one hundred and seventy-sixth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution that each citizen pledge himself anew to the service of his country and to being ever vigilant in the defense and preservation of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, In this rapidly changing world of many challenges, it is imperative that all citizens, naturalized or native-born, be aware of the acts and events that led to the formulation and adoption of the Constitution in order that they may fully appreciate the meaning and significance of our precious heritage and place the highest value on our form of government, and

WHEREAS, John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, has proclaimed September 17, 1963, Citizenship Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, designate September 17, 1963, as

"CITIZENSHIP DAY"

in Minnesota, and I urge all religious, civic, educational and other organizations to hold appropriate ceremonies on that day to inspire all our citizens to rededicate themselves to the faith of the framers of the Constitution and to the ideals upon which they founded this nation.

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 September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and of the State the one hundred sixth.

Carl F. Rolvaag
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