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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the annals of the world's nations, the welfare of each country and its people is bound directly to the freedom of the seas, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has undertaken a dominant position in maintaining such freedom of the seas and insuring that it shall never be jeopardized by aggressive nations who might try to choke and strangle weaker countries by denying them proper use of the seas, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Air Act is one of the major instruments by which this country insures that all peoples are permitted to make the maximum use of the seas, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Reserve has been one of the principal means of providing a pool of trained manpower for the Naval Air Act during the past 50 years, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota was the site of the first inland training school in the Naval Air Reserve Program and provided planes, including for 5,000 air reservists during World War I, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has maintained a major position in the field of Naval Air Reserve training ever since that time, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Air Reserve Station, Twin Cities, is one of the largest stations of its kind in America, and is the only such station to train Air Reserve Troops for several adjacent time lines, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Solomon, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim this State's observance of 1966 as the

"FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF NAVAL RESERVE AVIATION"

and call upon all citizens of this State to join with me in the recognition of Minnesota's merchant mariners who have volunteered to have themselves prepared to carry on the tradition of the Merchant, whose thoughtful defense of their country contributed so much to its future.

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 twenty-sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six and of the State, the one hundred ninth.

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