



Proclamation

WHEREAS: two hundred years ago, the men and women of the American Revolution pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in the struggle for independence, which ended September 3, 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. In breaking with the past, they did not neglect to build a better system for the future; and

WHEREAS: today, we look back 200 years, not merely to take pride in our history. We look back during this Bicentennial to learn some practical lessons for today and tomorrow. As we pay tribute let us renew together our Founding Fathers' pledge to our country -- our lives, our fortune and our sacred honor. Let us always remember that freedom does not come free; and

WHEREAS: Congress, by a joint resolution of February 29, 1952, designated the 17th day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787; and

WHEREAS: by a joint resolution of August 2, 1956, Congress authorized the President to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 17, 1976 as

CITIZENSHIP DAY

in Minnesota and urge all Federal, State and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, educational and religious organizations, to conduct appropriate ceremonies and programs on that day.

FURTHERMORE, I also proclaim the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1976 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens in this Bicentennial year to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools, churches and in other suitable places in order to foster better understanding of the Constitution, and of the rights and responsibilities of all Americans.

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-second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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J. Anderson
Secretary of State

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE