

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: in the year 1776, 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, let us reflect on the historic events of our past, on the heroic deeds of those whose legacy we now enjoy, and on the compelling visions of those who helped shape our constitutional government;
- WHEREAS: let us resolve to cherish and protect what we have achieved in the United States of America and to build upon it in the years ahead, not by words alone, but by actions which bespeak a continuing commitment to a heritage of individual initiative, creativity and liberty; 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, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 17, 1977 as

CITIZENSHIP DAY

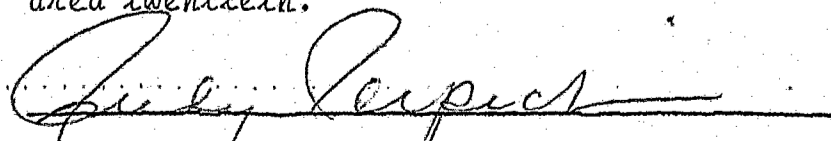
in Minnesota and urge all Federal, State and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, educational and religious organizations, to conduct appropriate ceremonies and programs on that day.

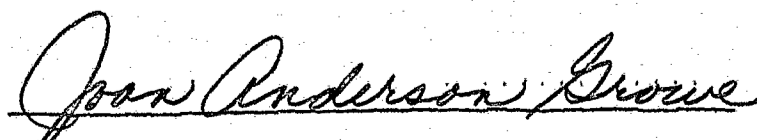
FURTHERMORE, I also proclaim the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1977 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

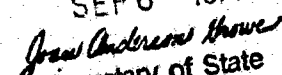
in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools, churches and in other suitable places in order to foster a better understanding of the Constitution, and of the rights and responsibilities of all Americans.

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 first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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