

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Two hundred and three 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; and

WHEREAS: In breaking with the past, they did not neglect to build a better system for the future and, today, as we look back 203 years, we can not only take pride in our history but also learn some practical lessons for today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS: As we pay tribute, let us renew together our Founding Fathers' pledge to our country -- our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor -- and let us always remember that freedom does not come without costs; and

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

WHEREAS: By joint resolution of Congress on August 2, 1956, the President may designate the period from September 17 through September 23 of each year as Constitution Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 17, 1979, to be

CITIZENSHIP DAY

and the period from September 17 through September 23, 1979, to be

CONSTITUTION WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities that will enhance their understanding of our Constitution and our rights and responsibilities as 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 eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

Albert H. Quie

GOVERNOR

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John Anderson Stearns
SECRETARY OF STATE