



Proclamation

WHEREAS: TWO HUNDRED AND FOUR 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 WITH THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF PARIS ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1783 - AND IN BREAKING WITH THE PAST, THEY LOOKED AHEAD TO BUILDING A BETTER SYSTEM FOR THE FUTURE; AND

WHEREAS: TODAY WE LOOK BACK 204 YEARS, NOT ONLY TO TAKE PRIDE IN OUR HISTORY, BUT TO LEARN SOME PRACTICAL LESSONS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW AND TO PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDING FATHERS BY PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS: BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF FEBRUARY 29, 1952, CONGRESS DESIGNATED THE 17TH OF SEPTEMBER TO BE OBSERVED 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 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 17, 1980 TO BE

CITIZENSHIP DAY

AND THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 1980 TO BE

CONSTITUTION WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE CITIZENS TO OBSERVE THESE DATES AS A MEANS TO FOSTER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL AMERICANS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.

John Anderson League

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