



Proclamation

WHEREAS: IT IS OF VITAL INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA THAT WE POSSESS A SOUND NATIONAL DEFENSE; AND

WHEREAS: DURING WORLD WAR II, CIVILIAN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND ENGINEERS, WERE RECRUITED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF NAVAL MILITARY OPERATIONS; AND

WHEREAS: ON MARCH 5, 1942, THESE CONSTRUCTION FORCES BECAME OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS, AND THE TERM "SEABEE" WAS AUTHORIZED; AND

WHEREAS: NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS - SEABEES - PERFORMED SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE TASKS IN ALL THEATERS OF OPERATION, AND THEIR SLOGAN "CAN DO" BECAME FAMOUS; AND

WHEREAS: TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTION FORCE AVAILABLE TO OUR NATION IN TIME OF EMERGENCY, THE ORGANIZED SEABEE RESERVE WAS ESTABLISHED DEPENDING EXTENSIVELY UPON CITIZEN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS TO FILL ITS RANKS; AND

WHEREAS: TO ENCOURAGE QUALIFIED MEN TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANIZED SEABEE RESERVE PROGRAM;

I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 THROUGH 7, 1981 TO BE

SEABEE WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA TO TAKE PART IN APPROPRIATE OBSERVANCES OF THIS WEEK.

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

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