

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, By a Joint Resolution approved April 4, 1939, the Legislature endorsed the plan of the United States Flag Association for a National Patriotic Revival culminating in Flag Week, June 8th to 14th next, and authorized and requested the Governor, first, to direct the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to arrange for the suitable observance of Flag Week in all the public schools, and, secondly to issue a Proclamation calling upon the State officials to display the United States Flag on all State buildings during that period and inviting the people of the State to fly the Flag at their homes and other suitable places as well as on their cars, and to hold in every community special exercises at which means shall be taken to give significant expression to our thoughtful love of America, our pride in its glorious history, our elation in its magnificent achievements, our belief in the fulfillment of its destiny, our devotion to its ideals and institutions and our determination to uphold and preserve them now and forever;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HAROLD E. STASSEN, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the

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Joint Resolution, do hereby (1) instruct the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to arrange through patriotic exercises and otherwise for the appropriate observance of Flag Week in all the public schools; (2) direct the State officials concerned to display the United States Flag on all State buildings as well as on all State vehicles; and (3) I do invite the people of the State of Minnesota to fly the Stars and Stripes at their houses and other suitable places and on their cars and in every community to hold special ceremonies at which they shall renew their allegiance to the ideals symbolized by the American Flag, among them being National Unity, Patriotic Cooperation and Racial and Religious Tolerance; reaffirm their faith in the institutions of American Democracy embodied in the Constitution of the United States, among them being Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Religion and Personal Liberty; and give grateful expression to their good fortune to be living under the protecting folds of "Old Glory" in the enjoyment of blessings of life unknown to the people of many other countries in these troublous times when the world has gone mad with racial and religious intolerance, aggression and greed, strife and violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, at the Capitol in St. Paul, this sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-nine.

Harold Stassen
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Wm. A. Olson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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