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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SAINT PAUL

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, each year in this state a considerable number of persons are admitted to American citizenship and a large portion of our citizens attain voting age; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota has deemed it advisable that a day be set aside for the purpose of giving some recognition to those who have recently gained citizenship, whether by naturalization or by age, and having appropriate exercises held on said day for the instruction of said new voters in the duties and responsibilities of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, to us in America there has come a challenge - a challenge to keep alive that mode of living which places the liberty and the freedom of the individual above the desires and demands of the war monger and the demagogue; and

WHEREAS, in first one country and then another democracy has fast given way and the dark shadows of war and dictatorship, like cancerous growths, have gnawed at the freedom and liberty of the peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, there is a challenge to us to prove that democracy can satisfactorily solve the problems of a complex civilization; and

WHEREAS, this demands an enthusiastic and intelligent citizenry having both the desire and enlightenment to attack and solve the social and economic problems which confront them; and

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WHEREAS, we know that if our problems are not solved, Democracy,
as we have known it, may well perish, even in the land of its birth; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature has designated the third Sunday in May of
each year as I AM AN AMERICAN DAY to welcome the new voters and to direct and in-
struct them in the duties and responsibilities of citizenship,

I, JOSEPH E. I. Harold E. Stassen, Governor of the State of
Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 17 as

I AM AN AMERICAN DAY

and urge all the civil and educational authorities of the State of Minnesota,
and the counties, cities, townships, and school districts thereof, to make plans
for the proper observance of said day, and for the instruction of such new
voters in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United
States and the State of Minnesota, in a nonpolitical, nonsectarian and nonpar-
tisan manner by qualified leaders selected by such authorities, and that all
citizens of the State of Minnesota unite with the public authorities in the
carrying out of said plan and in the observance of said day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Great Seal
of the State of Minnesota to be af-
fixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul
this 30 day of April, 1941.

Harold E. Stassen
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Walter A. Olson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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