

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of "I Am An American" Day

Resolutions of the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of Minnesota designate the third Sunday in May each year as "I Am An American" Day. Ceremonies on this day are customarily conducted by civic groups, patriotic societies, and educational organizations to honor our new citizens, - those who have reached their majority during the year and those who have become naturalized. It is also a day for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the ideals of citizenship, and this year it provides an opportunity to welcome thousands of veterans to their rightful places in civilian life.

Seldom have we had greater reason to say proudly, but not boastfully, "I am an American!" During the war years, Americans, native and foreign-born alike, worked and sacrificed together to give new evidence of the strength, the unity, and the spirit of our country. American citizenship met the test of war. And now, American citizenship can and must meet the test of peace. However, only if each one of us understands the nature and obligations of citizenship can we build strong our nation and do our full part in world leadership and service which peoples everywhere expect hopefully of us.

Therefore, in joining The President of the United States in proclaiming Sunday, May 19, 1946, as "I Am An American Day," I urge a wholehearted participation on the part of Minnesotans in the observance of this day with full recognition that citizenship is not only a privilege but a responsibility.

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 in St. Paul this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-six and of the State the eighty-eighth.

Edward J. Hughes
GOVERNOR

Attest:

Mike Holm
SECRETARY OF STATE

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