

FLAG DAY PROCLAMATION

The Flag, our Star Spangled Banner, was born into the family of nations June 14, 1777, by act of the Continental Congress. The colonies, fighting for independence from the mother country, could hardly be called a nation in the technical sense, but by final success this embryo nation dates from the great declaration, almost a year before the adoption of a flag.

What a transformation in that brief span in the life of a nation. The four million have grown to one hundred fifteen million. From being among the weakest it has grown to be one of the strongest nations. Its preeminence rests on the fact that the power of the government is in its citizens. The Flag proclaims the divine right of liberty in man. Power under the Flag cannot be inherited. It must be the free choice of a free people. The Flag stands for the inalienable right of the people to be their own rulers. The Flag is the symbol of sovereignty, the sign of authority, the guarantee of liberty and justice. It has ever been imagination to the poet, wisdom and eloquence to the statesman, ambition to the student, inspiration to the scholar, hope and happiness to all who labor for home and country. It is dedicated to the peace of righteousness.

Now, Therefore, I, Adam McMullen, Governor of Nebraska, call upon all the people of the state to do honor to the Flag on its one hundred fiftieth birthday. Let it be displayed on all public buildings, on the streets of our cities and at the homes of our citizens. Children should be told its history and taught to love the Flag as the emblem of our liberties.

Done at Lincoln, the capital, this third day of
June, 1927.



Adam McMullen
Governor