IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
caus ed the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.
DONE at the City of Washington this 15th day of May in the year
of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the
[Seal] Independence of the United States of America the one
hundred and eightieth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:
JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.

FLAG DAY, 1956

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it has become the custom of the people of the United
States to set aside June 14 of each year for the commemoration of the
adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our national flag by the Con­
tinental Congress on June 14, 1777; and
WHEREAS it is highly appropriate that on that day we should
contemplate the meaning of this flag which we honor and cherish
and under which we serve; and
WHEREAS this glorious emblem symbolizes the high resolution
of our forebears that they would leave to posterity a Nation founded
upon the principles of freedom and justice; and
WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the responsibilities and to enjoy
the privileges inherent in our priceless heritage, it is fitting that we
should rededicate ourselves on that commemorative day to the
perpetuation of those lofty principles; and
WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 3,
1949 (63 Stat. 492), has formally designated June 14 as Flag Day
and has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation
calling for the observance of that day:
NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, Presi­
dent of the United States of America, do hereby direct that the
flag of the United States be displayed on all Government buildings on
Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, 1956, and I call upon the people to
observe that day with special ceremonies designed to give expression
to our love for our country's flag and our reverence for the ideals
for which it stands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
caus ed the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.
DONE at the City of Washington this first day of June in the year
of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the
[Seal] Independence of the United States of America the one
hundred and eightieth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:
HERBERT HOOVER, JR.,
Acting Secretary of State.