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ORVILLE L. FREEMAN  
GOVERNOR

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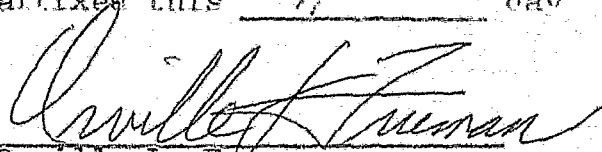
It having been made to appear to me that tumults, riots and mob violence have occurred in the City of Albert Lea and the County of Freeborn, State of Minnesota; that bodies of men together by force have attempted to commit felonies and to offer violence to persons and property in said city and county, and by force of violence to break and resist the laws of this state, imperiling the lives, health and property, and general welfare of the citizens of that city and county, and that the civil authorities thereof are wholly unable to cope with the situation or to preserve and maintain law and order. I hereby find and declare that a state of insurrection exists in the city of Albert Lea, and County of Freeborn. Now, therefore, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, acting as Commander in Chief of the Minnesota National Guard, do hereby assume Military command of and over the said City of Albert Lea, and County of Freeborn, and all property therein, and all civilians and other persons therein, and all who may hereafter come into said city and county, and I do hereby declare and proclaim that military rule exists therein. By virtue of the power and authority vested in me, I hereby direct and command The Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota to utilize all or such portions of the Minnesota National Guard as he may deem necessary, prescribing such rules and using such means and force as he deems proper in his judgment and discretion, to create and preserve good order in said city and county,


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and to bring about a restoration of peace and of law enforcement in said city and county.

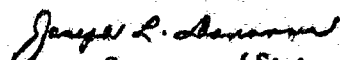
I do admonish all persons including all peace officers, in said city and county, to yield prompt and precise obedience to all orders, rules and regulations which the local commander of said military force or any one thereto duly authorized by him may from time to time give or establish; Hereby warning all persons who may do or say anything injurious to said military force or interfere with its operations or give aid or comfort to those who may violate the military orders, rules or regulations, given or established as aforesaid, that prompt and exemplary punishment will be visited upon them and that the pains and penalties consequent upon such acts or words cannot safely or properly be limited and will not be limited to such pains and penalties as are fixed by the municipal or other law heretofore and in normal and peaceful times prevailing in said county and I do warn all persons who violate the military orders, rules and regulations, that they will be arrested and detained by the military force until their cases can otherwise be disposed of. I do further declare military rule shall continue in said city and county, until revoked by me.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 11 day of December, 1959.

  
Orville L. Freeman  
Governor of Minnesota

  
Joseph L. Donovan  
Secretary of State of Minnesota

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