

# **Proclamation**

**90th Anniversary**

**"Greatest Flag Day Celebration in American History"**

**Whereas, 90 years ago, President Woodrow Wilson, the First Member of The Lincoln Highway Association issued the First Presidential Flag Day Proclamation calling for special patriotic exercises throughout the Nation on June 14th as a significant expression of our thoughtful love of America, our comprehension of the great mission of liberty and justice to which we have devoted ourselves as a people, our pride in the history of this great nation and a determination to make it greater and purer with each generation and our resolution to demonstrate to all the world its vital union in sentiment and purpose, and**

**Whereas, President Wilson called upon each of us to rededicate ourselves to the nation, "One and Inseparable" from which every thought that is not worthy of our father's first vows of independence, liberty and right shall be excluded, and in which we shall stand with united hearts for an America which no man can corrupt, no influence draw away from its ideals, no force divide against itself, a nation signally distinguished among all the nations of mankind for its clear, individual conception alike of its duties and its privileges, its obligations and its rights; and**

**Whereas, President Wilson led the way by carrying an American Flag down Pennsylvania Ave. aka The Lincoln Highway followed by 86,000 marchers which included members of his Staff, Cabinet, The Supreme Court and Congress in the Washington Flag Day- Preparedness Parade; and**

**Whereas, in association with the President's call, The Lincoln Highway was the backbone of a Nationwide Flag Day Celebration that included, "A band of waving American Flags, stretching across the continent from New York to San Francisco -a salute of rifles and canon that will reverberate from coast to coast and the national hymn from thousands of voices and instruments at the appointed time"; and**

**Whereas, on this the 90th Anniversary of these historic events, it is altogether fitting that the Lincoln Highway should once again be the background for such a national celebration, as the highway lies like a ribbon across the breast of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, binding the nation together, as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln;**

**Therefore I, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim June 14th the 90th Anniversary of the "Greatest Flag Day Celebration in American History" and encourage citizens along the Lincoln Highway and across California, to join together at 12 noon with citizens from across the nation in similar ceremony in a salute to the American Flag that will reverberate across the nation and form "A Band of Waving American Flags Across the Continent" demonstrating to the world our love for America, our National Emblem and our comprehension for the great mission of Liberty and Justice to which we have devoted ourselves as a people.**