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## XXIV. DECLARATIONS OF A STATE OF WAR WITH GERMANY AND ITALY

(Dept. of State Bulletin, Vol. V, No. 129, Dec. 13, 1941)

“JOINT RESOLUTION Declaring that a state of war exists between the Government of Germany and the Government and the people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

“Whereas the Government of Germany has formally declared war against the Government and the people of the United States of America: Therefore be it

“*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the state of war between the United States and the Government of Germany which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and the President is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against the Government of Germany; and, to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.*

“Approved, December 11, 1941, 3:05 p. m., E. S. T.”

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“JOINT RESOLUTION Declaring that a state of war exists between the Government of Italy and the Government and the people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

“Whereas the Government of Italy has formally declared war against the Government and the people of the United States of America: Therefore be it

“*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the state of war between the United States and the Government of Italy which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and the President is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval*

and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against the Government of Italy; and, to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

“Approved, December 11, 1941, 3:06 p. m., E. S. T.”

## XXV. DECLARATIONS OF A STATE OF WAR BY THE AXIS COUNTRIES

### GERMAN DECLARATION

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The German Chargé d’Affaires, Dr. Hans Thomsen, and the First Secretary of the German Embassy, Mr. von Stempel, called at the State Department at 8:20 a. m. on December 11, 1941. The Secretary, otherwise engaged, directed that they be received by the Chief of the European Division of the State Department, Mr. Ray Atherton. Mr. Atherton received the German representatives at 9:30 a. m.

The German representatives handed to Mr. Atherton a copy of a note that is being delivered this morning, December 11, to the American Chargé d’Affaires in Berlin. Dr. Thomsen said that Germany considers herself in a state of war with the United States. He asked that the appropriate measures be taken for the departure of himself, the members of the German Embassy, and staff in this country. He reminded Mr. Atherton that the German Government had previously expressed its willingness to grant the same treatment to American press correspondents in Germany as that accorded the American official staff on a reciprocal basis and added that he assumed that the de-