

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation in Behalf of the Physically Handicapped

Under the terms of Public Law 176, 79th Congress, the first week of October in each year is designated as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, to be proclaimed by the President, with participation by other governmental and private agencies.

The employment of disabled veterans, physically handicapped war workers, and many other citizens who have suffered physical impairment presents an opportunity of economic and social importance. The problem confronting handicapped persons is solved best on the basis of how well they utilize their remaining abilities. It has been found that because of their urgent need for employment, handicapped persons when properly placed become exceptionally good workers, and it has been a common experience that many tasks are done better by the handicapped than by others.

Among the 250,000 Minnesota veterans who have been separated from military service in World War II are some 4,000 who are handicapped to some extent. The sacrifices made by veterans impose on the public, and employers particularly, a special obligation to consider their employment needs.

Therefore, in proclaiming the week of October 6 to 12 as Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, I invite our Minnesota citizens, through industry, education, labor, and other public and private agencies and organizations, to participate widely in this national observance. During this week appropriate activities will be conducted to enlist public support for and interest in the employment of otherwise qualified but physically handicapped workers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-six and of the State, the eighty-ninth.

Edwin D. Johnson
EDWIN D. JOHNSON
GOVERNOR

Attest:

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