

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

A PROCLAMATION OF CELEBRATION OF VISION WEEK

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the promotion of the health of the citizens is a prime function of the State, and that intelligent vision is one of the best predictors of health, and

WHEREAS, citizens' participation has demonstrated that seventy-five percent of all blindness is preventable by proper education, improved lighting, industrial ergonomics and good and competent professional practice. The Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision and the State Department of Education of Minnesota have developed immediate and long range programs for the improvement of the eye health of our people and the prevention of disabling eye conditions. By careful surveys, the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision has demonstrated the extent to which the eyesight of school children requires corrective and therapeutic measures, and the importance of careful and continuing attention to the eyes of children, in the work of parents and teachers alike.

I, SIMEON L. LYNN, GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA, do hereby proclaim March 10 to 16, 1947, as

"CELEBRATION OF VISION WEEK"

In proclaiming "Celebration of Vision Week", it is my purpose to focus the attention of employers and labor and of parents and teachers upon the need for better lighting in homes, stores and schools, and for safe thorough enforcement of safety measures in industry, over the road and on the playgrounds, and to inform the public in general to the value of prompt resort to competent professional service in the cure of eye disease and the correction of visual defects.

I hereby call on the co-operation of all educational, civic and welfare agencies via the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision, the Minnesota Safety Council, and the State Department of Education of Minnesota, not only during "Celebration of Vision Week", but throughout the year, in furthering and implementing their program to improve the vision and provide the eye health of our citizens.

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 17th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the State the ninetieth.

Luther W. Youngdall

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