

A Declaration of Fire Prevention Week

- WHEREAS, fires claim the lives of approximately eleven thousand persons each year in the United States and destroy great value in material and structural resources; and
- WHEREAS, Minnesota persons lose their lives, are injured and their property more injured and over ten million dollars worth of property destroyed by fires in Minnesota during 1937; and
- WHEREAS, fire losses in America are excessive, and an increase of more than twenty-four percent during the first six months of 1937, as compared with the same period for 1936; and
- WHEREAS, because of the seriousness of fires, the President called a conference on fire prevention in Washington last May and the Governor followed with a Minnesota Conference on Fire Prevention and Fire Loss; realizing that there has been developed a coordinated approach which unites public authorities and private agencies in a cooperative effort to reduce fire losses; and
- WHEREAS, statistics show that more than one fire can be prevented by careful habits on the part of all people; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota, to comply with the wish of Congress to hold Fire Prevention Week, to be held during the week of October 5 to 11, 1937, as

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and call upon every man, woman and child to exercise his individual responsibility in conserving lives, material resources and property of the state, and especially request state and local governmental agencies, schools, the press and radio, civic groups and churches, and private enterprises to cooperate in the observance of this special week and in carrying out the Nation's program against the increasing menace of fires.

Therefore, I have chosen this day as said and as one of the finest days of the State of Minnesota to be observed as the State Capital to St. Paul this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and of the state the ninetieth.

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