

STATE OF MINNESOTA

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

A Declaration of Religious Education Week

WHEREAS, spiritual power is the world's greatest need today as mankind endeavors to recover from the scourges of war and to construct a lasting peace, based on principles of justice and brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, this spiritual strength can be found in an abiding faith in one God and a personal commitment to his will as the Creator of all things and the Father of all mankind; and

WHEREAS, religious education presents the teachings of the sacred texts which point the way to the finding of these life-giving spiritual resources that cause true worship and religious living in home, church and community; and

WHEREAS, it is especially important that we exert every effort to provide youth with religious teaching so that they may early develop a wholesome and successful philosophy of life; and

WHEREAS, the International Council of Religious Education has selected a special week for emphasis of religious ideals and has wisely chosen the theme: "Faith in the Future—Spiritual Power for the World;" and

BEFORE ME, JAMES W. THURMAN, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 23 to October 5, 1947 as the seventeenth annual

"RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK"

and urge all citizens to rededicate themselves to the development of a society that is built on the solid foundation of religious faith.

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 _____ day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the state the ninetieth.

Luther W. Youngblood
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

W. H. H. H.
SECRETARY OF STATE

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