

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of "National Social Hygiene Day"

WHEREAS, the protection of the public health and the advancement of the public welfare are prime obligations of the state and the responsibilities of its officials; and

WHEREAS, a grave threat to health and welfare arises from the widespread prevalence of the venereal diseases, which, though preventable and curable, continue to head the list of serious communicable infections in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the first Wednesday in February has traditionally been set aside as National Social Hygiene Day as a means of arousing the public to the dangers of the venereal diseases and as a means of organizing efforts to combat these diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MERLIN W. YONGE, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 4, 1948, as

"NATIONAL SOCIAL HYGIENE DAY"

and call upon all citizens and officials and voluntary agencies to study existing social hygiene problems and to increase efforts towards their full solution.

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 twenty-seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and of the state the ninetieth.

*Luther W. Youngdahl*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Mike Holm*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State.

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