

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation of Conservation of Vision Week

- WHEREAS, the protection of the health of the citizens is generally recognized as a prime responsibility and function of the state, and unimpaired vision is an essential element of good health, and
- WHEREAS, scientific investigation has demonstrated that seventy-five per cent of all blindness is preventable by proper education, improved lighting, industrial safeguards and prompt and consistent professional service, and
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision, in the course of comprehensive surveys the wide extent to which our school children, particularly in rural areas, are in need of professional service for the diagnosis and timely treatment of eye defects, to conserve their vision for the future, and
- WHEREAS, the said society, as well as the Minnesota Safety Council and the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health of Minnesota have developed immediate and long-range programs for the prevention of eye accidents and the safe-guarding and improvement of eye health in our state;

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NOW, therefore, I, *Luther W. Youngdahl*, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 4 to 10, 1948, as

"CONSERVATION OF VISION WEEK"

In proclaiming "Conservation of Vision Week", it is my purpose to focus the attention of management and labor and of parents and teachers upon the need for better lighting in factories, shops and schools, and for law through enforcement of safety measures in industry, upon the safe use of the playground, and to arouse the interest of 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 urge the cooperation of all educational, civic and welfare agencies with the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision, the Minnesota Safety Council, and the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health of Minnesota, not only during "Conservation of Vision Week", but throughout the year, in furthering and implementing their programs to conserve the vision and promote 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 thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-eight and of the State the ninetieth.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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