

A Proclamation on Fire Prevention Week in Minnesota

- WHEREAS, the President of the United States has designated the week beginning October 3, 1948, as Fire Prevention Week; and
- WHEREAS, fire deaths and needless destruction of erected and natural resources by fire have been increasing steadily each year in the nation since 1932 and caused unprecedented loss of property of more than \$79,000,000 in 1947; and
- WHEREAS, the present year, with a total national loss of more than \$85,000,000 in property by fires during the first six months, will surpass all previous losses if the current rate continues; and
- WHEREAS, extensive research into the causes of fires indicates that most of these catastrophes are due to human carelessness; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor's Conference on Fire Prevention, which was held last month in Minneapolis, is endeavoring to develop a coordinated program of action in the fighting of fires and must have the wholehearted cooperation of all public authorities, private agencies and citizens;

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AND WHEREAS, I, **ELMER C. FOSTER, JR.**, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of October 3 to 9, 1948, as

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and call upon every citizen to assume his individual responsibility in working to eliminate all possible causes of fires in his home and business, and I invite all local governments, chambers of commerce, business and labor organizations, the churches and schools, civic groups and various agencies of the press and radio to cooperate fully in the observance of the week; and I direct that the appropriate agencies of State Government likewise assist in arousing the public to the growing threat of fires in Minnesota.

AS WITNESS MY HAND, 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 eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and of the State, the ninety-first.

Luther W. Yangdahl
GOVERNOR

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