

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Thanksgiving Day"

WHEREAS, we in Minnesota have enjoyed the blessings of a most beautiful harvest, for which we are truly grateful to Almighty God; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving Day has been fittingly set aside to give Americans of all creeds the opportunity to join together in the giving of humble thanks to God for His Providence; and

WHEREAS, of all the holidays which we as a nation observe, none is more typically American in its origin and significance than Thanksgiving Day, designated by statute as the fourth Thursday in November; and

WHEREAS, on Thanksgiving Day, we should also pause to express our gratitude for the rich heritage of freedom which is ours as American citizens; and

WHEREAS, we must on this special day recognize our responsibility to help the many millions of our world neighbors who, through the vicissitudes of war, have been rendered homeless and impoverished, and who hunger as we feast, except as we extend a helping hand to them;

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AND, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS W. FURNBERG, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 20, as

"THANKSGIVING DAY"

AND URGE all citizens to make their observance one of thoughtful prayer and thanksgiving, of rededication to the high ideals of our nation by special programs and by appropriate display of the flag of our country. A worthy suggestion has also been made that we further show our gratitude by giving the equivalent of our Thanksgiving dinner to a relief agency of our church or a voluntary agency so that we may transmit hope and courage to those in desperate circumstances in other lands.

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 Saint Paul this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and of the State, the ninety-first.

ATTEST:

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