

EXECUTIVE ORDER

A Proclamation in memory of Thomas Alva Edison

- WHEREAS, the peoples of this Nation are inspired by the lives of the men who helped make this country great; and
- WHEREAS, Thomas Alva Edison contributed greatly to the social and industrial progress of America through his inventions which gave this country and the world electric light and electric power distribution, the phonograph, the motion picture as well as other new industries which created new jobs and comforts for millions of people; and
- WHEREAS, his life and work serve as an enduring example of the great good which can be achieved under our American system of individual initiative--an example not only for Americans but for the peoples of the world; and
- WHEREAS, his contributions to the American way of life continue to grow with the years and enrich the lives of us all; now

AND, WHEREAS, I, LEONARD W. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim February 11, the 115th anniversary of the inventor's birth, as

THOMAS ALVA EDISON DAY

in fitting tribute to the memory of this American. I urge all citizens to review the lasting effect which his accomplishments have had upon their lives, personal and community, as well as upon the life and progress of the Nation.

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 seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two of the state, the sixty-second.

*Leif W. Thompson*

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*Miss Holm*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Miss Holm*  
Secretary of State