

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Fire Prevention Week in Minnesota"

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has designated the week, beginning October 9, as Fire Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, preventable fires took a frightful toll of human life and property in Minnesota last year, resulting in tragic death for 127 persons and the destruction of homes, businesses and other property worth more than nine million dollars; and

WHEREAS, in this crucial period, it is imperative that we keep ourselves strong in manpower, productive facilities and material resources; and

WHEREAS, extensive research into the cause of fires provides evidence that most of these catastrophes can be attributed to only one factor and that is human carelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Fire Conference provides an organization for development and execution of a coordinated program of state-wide action to prevent fires and merits the wholehearted cooperation of all public authorities, private agencies and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. TOWNSEND, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9 through 14, 1950, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN MINNESOTA

and call upon every citizen to assume his individual responsibility in eliminating all possible causes of fire in the home and business. I invite all local governments, industry and labor organizations, the churches and schools, civic groups and agencies of the press and radio to join in the observance of this week and direct all appropriate agencies of state government to likewise assist in arousing the public to the growing threat of fires.

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 this nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty and of the State, the ninety-third.

Luther W. Townsend
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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