

A Proclamation for "Minnesota Civil Defense Week"

- WHEREAS, the development of World events since the end of World War II and the serious threat of another World conflict have shocked our people to a realization of the grave danger to democracy and freedom in the spread of communism throughout the World, and
- WHEREAS, the United Nations, under the leadership and with the strong support of the United States, have overwhelmingly resolved that further communistic, totalitarian conquest and enslavement of freedom and liberty-loving peoples must cease and, to this end, have taken up arms against Communist forces in Korea, and
- WHEREAS, the avowed determination and cunning and ruthless efforts of Communists to conquer and rule the World threaten the very existence of our Country as a free, strong, and independent, Democratic Nation, and
- WHEREAS, the decision of whether we shall have peace or war or whether the totalitarian enemy may attack our homeland is not ours but is in the minds and philosophies of cruel, deceitful and dishonest men, and
- WHEREAS, modern, scientific developments of the instrumentalities of warfare have rendered time and space relatively unimportant and have created the physical means of bringing tremendous devastation to our homeland, and
- WHEREAS, to minimize the death and destruction which would surely be inflicted on our people in another World War, it is mandatory for the Nation and each State and community thereof to develop and organize a vast system of Civil Defense, and
- WHEREAS, such a system is now in the process of development and organization in Minnesota and in more than two hundred communities thereof, and
- WHEREAS, every incorporated community in Minnesota should be adequately and appropriately organized for Civil Defense, and
- WHEREAS, neglect or apathy toward Civil Defense planning and organization is a direct invitation to disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning October 22, 1950 and ending October 28, 1950 to be

"MINNESOTA CIVIL DEFENSE WEEK"

and I call on all citizens of Minnesota to observe this week, examine into the affairs of Civil Defense within their respective communities--no matter what the population--to determine the progress which is now being made, and to offer their services where they may best be used, with the realization that the success of Civil Defense planning and the effectiveness of its organization rests clearly upon the foundation of community level, self-help and support.

I also call on all public officials, particularly Mayors, Members of City and Village Councils and all other City and Village officials to accelerate their planning and organizational efforts in their respective communities in order to effect a well-coordinated and integrated system of Civil Defense. All this, I call on the people of Minnesota to do, to the end that any disaster which may befall our State, whether from war or natural causes, may be adequately met.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this Seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty and of the State, the ninety-third.

ATTEST:

Wick Holm
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Luther W. Youngdahl
GOVERNOR