

On this 26th day of May, 1915, Governor Eberhart
Guly issued and caused to be filed in the Executive Depart-
ment of the State of Minnesota proclamation as follows:

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION.

It is with a spirit of consecration deeper than
ever before that the American people will this year pay
their tribute to the members of the Grand Army of the
Republic. That tribute to the veterans will be the more
genuine and the more sincere because, with the lapse of
time, a more proper perspective of the deeds they accom-
plished and the great national purposes brought about is
obtained by those of us who are living. As the ranks of
the living become thinner, as the hosts of those who have
answered the last roll call become greater, but as with
each succeeding year we pay greater honor to the grand army
of the dead, so our regard for the grizzled veterans who
survive becomes more infinitely tender and more genuinely
considerate. This year the surviving members of the Grand
Army will gather on the battlefield of Gettysburg to commemo-
rate the greatest battle of the Civil War and to consecrate
again the field where so many lives were sacrificed to secure
the principle upon which the Republic was founded.

Accordingly all events conspire to make the Memorial
Day of this year one of unusual beauty and interest. It is
not only the memory of the soldiers and sailors of '61 we
shall honor this year but tribute will be paid to the soldiers
of a later war. The veterans of the Spanish-American conflict

will be honored with those who wore the gray blue in the war of the great rebellion. It is a beautiful custom which prompts us to scatter flowers upon the graves of those who have gone beyond, but we should not forget that the flowers are for the living even more than for the dead. Let us honor the thinning ranks of the Grand Army veterans with more than ordinary tribute. The combined emotions of patriotism, of reverence and of love should prompt us to consecrate to their memory the date of May 30th so that the great deeds of those who fought that our country might be what it is may not be forgotten by those who are the beneficiaries of their great service.

WHEREFORE, I, Adolph O. Eberhart, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do issue this proclamation and urge the observance of Friday, May 30th, 1915, as

EMERSON AND MEMORIAL DAY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, at the Capital in the City of St. Paul, this twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. 1915.

Adolph O. Eberhart
Governor.

Attest:

Julius A. Schmitt,
Secretary of State.

J. H. Hayes,
Executive Clerk.

1131