

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

A Proclamation for "Franklin Day"

WHEREAS, commemoration should be made of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin January 17, 1706, in Boston; and

WHEREAS, 200 years ago Franklin, skilled in medicine, promoted in 1751 in Philadelphia the founding of the Pennsylvania Hospital, the first in the colonies and still in existence - of interest to all who are hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1776 Dr. Franklin signed the Declaration of Independence, which he had helped to draft; he left that fall for France where his efforts as American envoy secured the Treaty of Alliance of February 6, 1778; he later signed the Treaty of Peace with England and the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Franklin was a printer, publisher, author, editor, educator, advertising man, entrepreneur, athlete, scientist, philosopher, diplomat, philanthropist, mechanician, amateur, cartoonist, humorist and, primarily, a Patriot; founder of the State militia - now the National Guard of Pennsylvania; also later a member of the U. S. Navy; founder of the circulating library system on this continent and the University of Pennsylvania, first chartered fire insurance company 1752, first anti-slavery society, also first firemen's engine in the colonies, as well as daylight saving; in 1768 "snatched the lightning from the skies"; also inaugurated Philadelphia Police, fire, street-cleaning and street-lighting Departments; and was Postmaster General; and

WHEREAS, celebration of Franklin's Birthday, though without a holiday, has been urged by Congresses of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, also by many other groups;

SO, THEREFORE, I, LESTER W. TOWER, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate January 17, 1954, as

"FRANKLIN DAY"

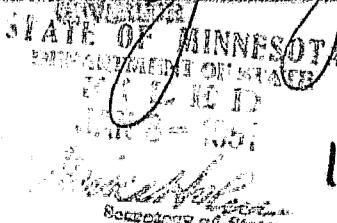
and call upon the citizens of the state to appropriately pay tribute to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, one of the founders of our nation, and one of the greatest men of all time.

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

ATTEST:

Milt Holm

DEPARTMENT OF STATE



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