

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Franklin Day"

- WHEREAS, commemoration should be made of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin January 17, 1706, in Boston; and
- WHEREAS, 300 years ago Franklin, skilled in medicine, practiced in 1752 in Philadelphia the founding of the Pennsylvania Hospital, the first in the colonies and still in existence - of interest to all who use hospitals; 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, inventor, athlete, scientist, philosopher, diplomat, philanthropist, statesman, musician, cartoonist, humorist and, primarily, a Patriot; founder of the State Militia - now the National Guard of Pennsylvania; also later a founder 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 thrift campaign in the colonies, as well as daylight savings; in 1752 "snatched the lightning from the skies"; also inaugurated Philadelphia police, fire, street-cleaning and street-lighting departments; and was first 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;

BEI, THOMPSON, I, LOUIS W. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate January 27, 1931, 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 at the State Capitol this ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred thirty one and of the state, the ninety-third.

ATTEST:

Mike Allen
Secretary of State

Luther W. Thompson
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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