PROCLAMATION.

As the Battle of Gettysburg marked the turning point in the contest to determine whether this is a Union or a group of states, so the address of Abraham Lincoln, known in history as "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," was a pronouncement which brought about a realization of the purposes and accomplishments of this great struggle. In English that was beautifully simple, the immortal President of the Republic, who had led this country successfully through the trying times of the Civil War, expressed our national hopes, aspirations and accomplishments. In all our literature there is no written word which so appeals to the patriotic instinct of American citizenship as this address.

November 19th will mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the reading of this address by Abraham Lincoln. It would seem proper that on this day this address should be read to the school children in every school in Minnesota. It will be a lesson of patriotism and an appeal to the spirit of national pride which would have the result of making better citizens of all our school children. Accordingly, I respectfully ask that the principal of every school in Minnesota will see to it that November 19th is remembered as LINCOLN DAY, and that the reading of this address be part of the program of the day.

Attest:

Secretary of State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, at the Capitol, in the City of St. Paul, this 3rd day of November, A. P., 1913.

Governor.

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