

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Minnesota Taconite Week"

- WHEREAS, human ingenuity, vision and courage have through application of energy and scientific knowledge made available for the use of mankind many natural resources hitherto unused; and
- WHEREAS, here in Minnesota the most outstanding recent development of this kind is represented by the development of a process whereby taconite is utilized to produce iron ore; and
- WHEREAS, the vast quantities of valuable ores made available and the new industry thus brought into Minnesota, with its great investment of capital and thousands of new jobs, will contribute materially to strengthening our economy and will make for better living; and
- WHEREAS, on September 12th and 13th, the world's first large-scale, commercial taconite processing plant will be dedicated at Babbitt and Silver Bay, Minnesota, and this provides us with an opportune time to pay heed to the growing taconite industry within our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10 - September 15, 1956, as

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and urge that the people of Minnesota give especial attention to the new taconite industry in our state; that we recognize the value of the contributions made by the University of Minnesota, by the scientists and leaders of industry who worked to develop and put into operation the new process used, and by the Minnesota Legislature for providing a tax structure that encourages this new industry. And I further urge continued support and effort for further study and experimentation to the end that other processes may be discovered and developed to bring about utilization of the many other low grade mineral resources of Minnesota.

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 tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and of the State, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

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