

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Fire Prevention Week in Minnesota"

WHEREAS, fires in Minnesota last year took the lives of thirty-six people, six of whom were children, injured one hundred twenty-seven more, of whom five were children, and resulted in property losses amounting to more than eleven million dollars; and

WHEREAS, thus far in 1956, there have been thirty-five deaths caused by fire, one hundred and one persons injured, and property losses amounting to over seven million dollars; and

WHEREAS, perhaps as many as ninety percent of fires are caused by carelessness and, therefore, could have been prevented; and

WHEREAS, the national observance of Fire Prevention Week is intended to stimulate greater effort to prevent such needless destruction of lives and property and the human loss and suffering caused by fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9 - 15, 1956, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN MINNESOTA"

and urge all local authorities, civic organizations, schools, churches and all other interested groups and individuals to give special attention to the prevention of fires and the elimination of conditions which constitute fire hazards.

I further urge every individual to recognize that he has an important role in eliminating fire hazards in the home, and a responsibility to share in preventing the carelessness which causes most of our fire losses.

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

ATTEST:

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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