

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "School Safety Patrol Week"

- WHEREAS, the school safety patrol program which originated in Minnesota thirty-seven years ago has proved to be a most effective way of protecting the children of our state; and
- WHEREAS, the program has the outstanding safety record in the nation in that there has never been a traffic fatality credited against a school safety patrol officer anywhere in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS, the young boys and girls of the school safety patrols perform a vital public service in guarding their school comrades from the hazards of traffic accidents, resulting in a great saving to the community in lives and property damage; and
- WHEREAS, these youngsters endure many inconveniences while fulfilling their assignments, particularly during the discomfort, of rain, snow or cold weather, with great loyalty and courage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning February 17, 1956 as

"School Safety Patrol Week"

and urgently request everyone to give proper recognition to these faithful youngsters who contribute so much to the state's safety program. We can in but a small way reward them with special programs and activities if we could but remember that perhaps it is through the efforts of one of these youngsters that we are fortunate to be living today.

It has come to my attention that various organizations are pooling their efforts to provide a training center where the young leaders of the school safety patrols can be given advanced instruction in safety methods. Additional funds are needed to complete the new "Legionville School Safety Patrol Training Center" near Brainerd, to provide proper housing facilities for the youngsters. This is one fund-raising campaign which will prove profitable for all of us as it helps our safety program. I hope that during School Safety Patrol Week you will find it within your abilities to contribute to the Legionville Building Fund through your local post of the American Legion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I 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 January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and of the state, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST:

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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