

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Farm Safety Week in Minnesota"

WHEREAS, farm accidents claim nearly 10,000 farms in Minnesota every year causing untold suffering, loss of life, and loss of valuable productive time; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is one of the most dangerous of all occupations, ranking high among all industries in the state in occupational death rate and accounting for nearly half of the occupational deaths in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, failure to observe safety rules and precautions on the farm and in the farm home is largely responsible for these deaths and disabling injuries; and

WHEREAS, it is in the power of every farm family to reduce the toll of accidents and the resulting deaths and injuries by knowing how to prevent accidents and constantly bearing in mind the slogan, "Your safety is in your hands;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning July 21, 1957 as

FARM SAFETY WEEK

and urgently request everyone connected with farm life in any way to join in a campaign to reduce the tragedies and losses caused by needless farm accidents. I further urge that this week be the beginning of year-round vigilance against farm accidents, of eliminating hazards, of taking proper precautions, and of the constant cultivation of careful work habits and attitudes which will reduce our appalling farm accident toll.

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 June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and of the state, the one hundredth.

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

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