

On this 14th day of May, 1915, Governor Hammond duly issued and caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State his proclamation as follows:-

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department

P R O C L A M A T I O N

With each succeeding year the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic grow thinner; those men who, more than a half-century ago, took up arms - not for the purpose of conquest but in order to preserve a government founded upon the theory that all men are created equal - are one by one passing to the Great Beyond. It is but proper that we who are the heirs of their heroic deeds should set apart a day on which to show our appreciation of the worth of their labor, and to strew upon their last resting places flowers as tokens of sweet remembrance. Nor are we unmindful of the valor and patriotism of the veterans of the Spanish-American War and the soldiers of our country who have given their lives to maintain the honor of the nation and in defense of its flag.

In 1911 the Grand Army of the Republic, at its Forty-fifth Encampment, ordered that as a part of the public exercises on Memorial Day flags be placed at half-mast, that bells be tolled from twelve o'clock noon to twelve five, and that comrades stand with uncovered heads during that interval of time. Each ensuing year this simple but impressive ceremony has been observed by the Grand Army. This would seem a proper manner in which to show honor to our soldiers who have died for home and country - not only by the remaining comrades but by the public at large, joining in this silent testimonial of respect - especially at this time, when so many men in other lands are giving their lives on the battlefield. We behold today one-half of the world

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drenched in blood in the greatest and most cruel war of history, and a silent tribute of respect - five minutes of memories - cannot do otherwise than call to our minds the cruelties of war and the blessings of peace.

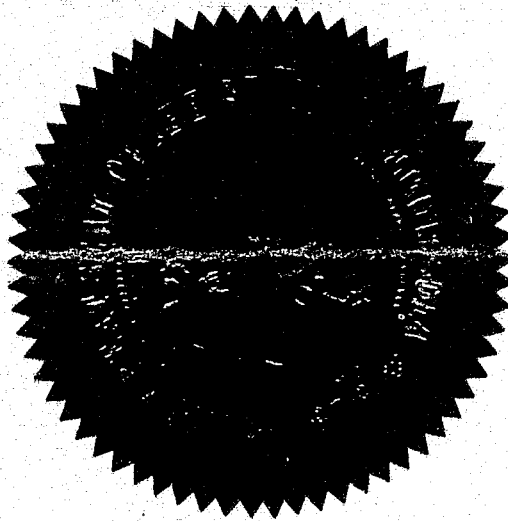
It is fitting that we should join our fellow citizens in an appropriate memorial to our patriotic dead: therefore, I, Winfield S. Hammond, Governor of Minnesota, hereby designate

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1915,

to be a

PUBLIC HOLIDAY,

and ask that the day be observed in a becoming manner.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of St. Paul, this 14th day of May, A.D. 1915.

Winfield S. Hammond

Governor.

Attest:

Julius A. Schuchert

Secretary of State.

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Julian A. Schenckel
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