

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

As Independence Day approaches, the people of the United States realize more and more that never before has it meant so much to be citizens of the nation whose birth we soon will celebrate. It is especially desirable that those who have been recently naturalized be fully impressed with the value of their new citizenship. Those who have come from other lands and now are citizens of the United States owe their first allegiance to this country and those who were once residents of the nations now at war should understand that they are citizens of a neutral country and should aid in maintaining its neutrality.

It is therefore urged that Independence Day this year be observed as a National Americanization day; that in the celebrations in our cities and villages special honor be shown our recently naturalized citizens. On our national anniversary all citizens, whether foreign born or native, meet together as members of a united nation. It is suggested that mayors or other chief officials of our municipalities appoint representative committees to carry out the local Americanization day programs. If committees already exist, it is recommended that they make citizenship receptions a feature of their programs.

Since the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence this year falls on Sunday, let Monday, July fifth, be observed as a legal holiday, the public offices be closed and all citizens, as far as it is possible, lay aside

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their customary tasks and unite in commemorating the birth
of the nation.



In testimony whereof, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the great seal
of the State to be hereto
affixed this 26th day of
June, A.D., 1915.

Winfield S. Hammond
Governor.

Attest:

Julius A. Schwall
Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State.

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