

On this 18th day of September, 1915, Governor Hammond issued and caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State the proclamation, as follows:-

S T A T E O F M I N N E S O T A

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

In the night of October 9, 1872, there occurred in Chicago one of the most destructive conflagrations the world has ever known. 250 persons were killed, 98,500 were made homeless, and property of the value of nearly \$200,000,000 was destroyed. While it is true that the holocaust of San Francisco in 1906 was more destructive to life and property, being due to a convulsion of nature, the Chicago fire stands out as the supreme example of suffering and destruction as the result of preventable fire, and as such will forever remain a monument to human carelessness.

Such an object lesson has the Chicago fire proven that the State of Illinois has designated the ninth day of October, the anniversary of that awful event, as State Fire Prevention Day, when every citizen of Illinois is earnestly urged, by proclamation of the Governor, to take steps along all lines to eliminate the possibility of conflagrations upon his premises.

Many states, following the example of Illinois, have adopted this anniversary as Fire Prevention Day - among them, Minnesota, because our state as few others has suffered from the ravages of careless fires. It is necessary only to cite the disasters of Hinckley and Baudette as horrible examples of the negligent handling of fire, to convince people that action should be taken to prevent accidents of such terrible and far-reaching consequences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Winfield S. Hammond, do hereby designate

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1915,

as

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in Minnesota, and I recommend that it be recognized in each department of state, by all public and private institutions, and by individuals interested in the social and economic benefit of the people.

Let the day be observed by a general cleaning up; let there be public gatherings for the purpose of discussing fire waste of the State and the best means of its prevention; let the press, through articles pertaining to fire prevention and protection, assist in the work; let fire drills be held on that day in institutions and factories, and on the preceding day in all schools I recommend that teachers instruct their pupils on the dangers of fire and the simpler means of fire prevention.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-
unto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State
to be affixed this 18th day
of September, 1915.

W. J. Hammond

Governor.

Attest:

Julius A. Schuch
Secretary of State.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Notary Public in and for the State of Minnesota
No. 1007
of the County of _____
of _____

Julius A. Schmechel