

On the 16th day of May, 1916, Governor Burnquist issued and caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State his proclamation, as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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

It is now more than half a century since the close of that terrible conflict in which so many gave up their lives upon the field of battle for the preservation of this nation and the perpetuation of that liberty for which it stands. Comparatively few of those who participated in the great struggle of that dark period of American history are today alive. Most of them are sleeping in the land they helped to make free and in the re-united country for which they were willing to die. The immortal service which the soldiers of the Civil War rendered to all of us, who in our generation are enjoying the results of their sacrifices, together with the valor of those who fought in the Spanish-American war for a righteous cause, can never be forgotten by the patriotic people of a grateful republic.

Let us, therefore, on

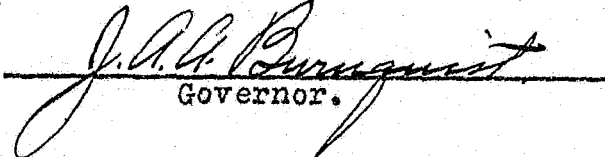
MEMORIAL DAY,

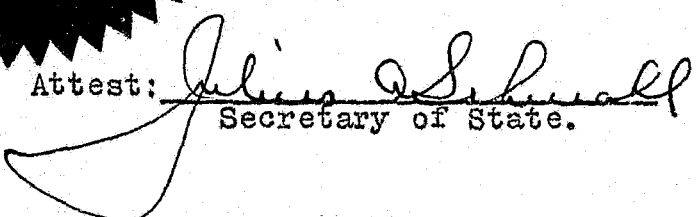
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close our public buildings, schools, stores, factories and other places of business, and upon that day suspend labor of all kinds, in order that we may hold appropriate memorial exercises, decorate the graves of the heroic dead, and again show our gratitude to them, who in the days when our country was in great danger so bravely went forth in its defense.

Heretofore the children of our schools have been addressed by the old veterans on the Friday preceding Memorial Day, but this year, by reason of the large decrease in their number and on account of the age of those who remain, a special request comes from them that our state and municipal authorities and our citizens generally volunteer their services for this particular purpose. All, therefore, are hereby especially urged to assist in perpetuating this patriotic custom, inaugurated by the Grand Army of the Republic, to the end that every school in the state may be visited and the future guardians of the nation be inspired with the spirit of true loyalty and patriotism.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of St. Paul, this 16th day of May, 1916.


Governor.

Attest: 
Secretary of State.

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