

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

As the brave men of today are losing their lives in the struggle for the freedom of the world, we appreciate more fully the custom of setting aside a memorial day to commemorate the services of the Civil War heroes, who, nearly six decades ago, fought for liberty within our own borders and preserved to us a united country.

The heroic sacrifices and achievements of the fathers and grandfathers of the men, who are today contending for the extension of the liberties of the democracy which their parents and grand-parents did so much to save, are now the source of a greater inspiration and are more deeply appreciated than ever before.

Realizing the sacredness of Memorial Day, let us all observe

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in the most fitting and reverential manner possible and thus show, in a solemn and patriotic way, our sincere gratitude to the heroes of the Civil War, in whose memory Decoration Day has been dedicated. Let us also on that day honor the brave and patriotic volunteers of the Spanish American War, and the worthy soldiers, who, in our present crisis, have lost their lives while nobly defending their nation. May the day be used everywhere throughout our state for the purpose of creating in all of us a unanimity of patriotic spirit and the resolve that our soldiers of past and present wars, "shall not have died in vain."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereto caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed, at the Capitol in the City of St. Paul, this twenty-fifth day of May, 1918.



Attest

Secretary of State.

J. A. G. Benson
Governor.

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of *Julius A. Schuch*
Secretary of State