

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

We hear much today of the necessity of additional production. We hear too little of the necessity of the prevention of waste. The annual fire losses of the United States due to preventable causes are estimated at more than two hundred millions of dollars. The loss of life and the injuries sustained through such carelessness are beyond calculation. The yearly per capita fire waste in our country is about six times that of Europe. The need of the exercise of greater precaution here cannot be too strongly emphasized.

Now, therefore, I, Joseph A. A. Burnquist, Governor of Minnesota, realizing that the assuming on the part of our people of an increased responsibility in this matter will result in many benefits to our state, such as the lessening of the loss of life and the saving of our property and earning power and the lowering of insurance rates, do hereby designate

OCTOBER 9, 1920,  
as  
FIRE PREVENTION DAY

and urge its observance in our schools through proper exercises for the education of the children as to the dangers of fire and the enormous losses occasioned by its negligent use, and that on said day there be a general cleaning up by the removal of all debris and waste that constitute a fire menace, and in addition thereto that every effort possible be made to educate the public in assisting to avoid the enormous preventable fire waste of the state and nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 15th day of September, 1920.

*J. A. A. Burnquist*  
Governor of Minnesota.

*Julius A. Schmitt*  
Secretary of State.

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