STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION.

June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution "that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Since then, thirty-five stars have been added, representing new states, otherwise our emblem remains unchanged.

Our flag means more to us than it did to past generations. Our schools, our newspapers and our modern transportation facilities, have given our people a better understanding of each other, as well as of the fundamental principles for which our flag stands. Despite our rapid growth in area and population, we are more closely united than the people of the original thirteen colonies. The unity of sentiment in the wars we have fought for liberty and humanity is evidence, if evidence is needed, that we are "One Nation, indivisible."

It is appropriate that we stop each year and think a moment of the circumstances under which our flag came into being and study the things for which that flag stands.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 14th, 1921, as FLAG DAY, and direct that the flag be then flown from all public buildings. I also request that it be displayed from private homes and places of business and that where schools are in session, there be some exercises commemorating the birth of the flag of the United States.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and oaused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 8th day of June, 1921.

Secretary of State.

Governor of Minnesota.

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