

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ST. PAUL

Labor is the foundation of our progress and our civilization. It is, indeed, essential to our very existence. The unskilled toiler on the street, the highly trained mechanic or artisan, the scientist who burns the midnight oil trying to devise means better to supply the needs of mankind, the executive who plans and directs the efforts of others, are all necessary workers in our industrial organization. When all these work in harmony, and when each puts forth his best effort in the work to which he is best adapted, the world will see real progress and the happiness of mankind will be enhanced.

State law and a wise custom, however, have set aside one day in each year upon which to pay homage to those who work with their hands. It is most fitting that we pause occasionally to consider the special problems of those who toil for wages, to take note of the many trades and crafts which contribute to our welfare, to learn what things are needed to make labor contented and efficient, and to see that labor gets just and fair recompense.

Now, therefore, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate and set aside Monday, September Fourth, as Labor Day and I respectfully urge that not only labor but the public generally on that day, in public gatherings and in private study, consider the problems of the laborer and the relations of labor to the public.

In witness whereof, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State to be  
affixed this 17th day of August, 1921.

*W. A. Johnson*  
Secretary of State.

*J. A. O. Preus*  
Governor of Minnesota.

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