

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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P R O C L A M A T I O N .

The figures for the total loss of property by fire in the United States, though they differ from year to year, are always staggering. The loss in 1930 exceeded a half billion dollars.

Minnesota's fire waste is entirely too great. We can ill afford to lose the homes, the timber, the food, clothing and other necessities of life which are destroyed each year.

Insurance does not pay for the loss. It merely distributes the burden. Eventually every person must help pay the cost.

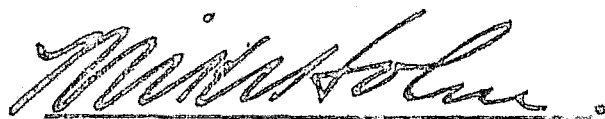
The greater part of our fires could be prevented. If greater care were exercised, our annual fire loss could be reduced to a small fraction of what it is today.

For this reason, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate and set aside October 9th, 1931, as

Fire Prevention Day.

This day, the anniversary of the disastrous Chicago fire, falls this year on Sunday, but much can be done, through pulpit and press, to awaken interest in fire prevention. In schools, factories, and other places where people congregate, fire prevention day may be observed on the following day and steps should be taken to bring home to the public the responsibility of each individual in helping prevent fire.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state to be affixed this ninth day of September, 1931.

  
Secretary of State.

  
Governor.

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Secretary of State