## STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

## PROCLAMATION.

Armistice Day, November eleventh, is by an act of the last legislature, made a legal holiday in Minnesota. This year, however, the day has a special significance because it marks the opening of the world disarmament conference called by President Harding. The nations of the world, already staggering under the debt caused by the last great war, should welcome this opportunity to joinin reducing the burden of preparation for possible future conflicts. While we should proceed cautiously and not with the idea of having peace at any price, nevertheless we earnested by hope that something tangible and practical may come out of this conference.

I, THEREFORE, urge that wherever practicable, services be held in the churches on Armistice Day, and where this cannot be done, that our people in their customary places of worship on the preceding Sunday offer special prayer to the Almighty for his blessing upon the conference.

Let us in this way venerate the memory of the heroes who died in the world war and let us dedicate ourselves as a nation to the achievement of international justice and good will which are essential to any real reduction of armaments and the attainment of permanent peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this twenty-ninth day of October, 1921.

Governor of Minnesota.

Secretary of State.

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