

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCLAMATION.

It is most appropriate, following state law and established custom, that we set aside one day each year to give special consideration to the problems arising out of the wage system which came into being with our modern industrial organization. It is especially fitting this year that on Labor Day all citizens give careful and serious thought to these problems.

At this time, when we see many evidences of returning prosperity, when we have harvested a bountiful crop, when we were hopeful that the period of unemployment was ended, our prosperity and welfare are placed in jeopardy by labor controversies which threaten to deprive us of the very necessities of life.

We should do everything possible to see that all workers receive wages which will afford them and their families not only a decent living, but a fair share of the comforts and luxuries of life. But we cannot entirely set aside the law of supply and demand, and if wages are so high that an industry must ask a price for its product higher than the public will pay, the only result is unemployment and serious harm to labor itself.

What we should try to find is some method of fixing wages which will be fair to labor, permit industry to give maximum service to the public, and at the same time avoid these controversies which work irreparable injury to employer, employee and the public alike. In essential industries, such as transportation and the production of food, fuel and other necessities of life, employer and employee should both remember that in engaging in these industries they have assumed an obligation to the public which is at least equal in

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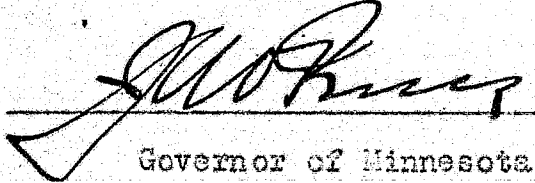
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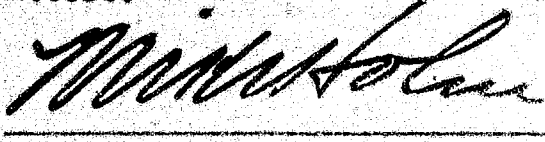
importance of their own welfare.

NOW BEFORE ME, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, in asking the observance of Monday, September Fourth, as Labor Day, do hereby urge and request all our citizens, regardless of their station or calling, to give their best thought to the solution of these problems. If we can bring about a better distribution of the wealth of this nation, our annual Labor Day is well worth while, but we must remember, while seeking better means of distribution, that anything which hampers production will decrease the things to be distributed. We must also remember that anyone, whether he be employer or worker, who tries to stop others from working or who in any way hampers production, is not only doing an injury to the public which he has no right to do, but he will in the long run do an injury to himself.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State this 30th day of August, 1933.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

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Attest:  


Secretary of State.

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