

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ST. PAUL

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PROCLAMATION!

Two crossing accidents near the Twin Cities within a week of each other, whereby one family was completely wiped out and two other families partially so, compel me to urge upon the people of the state the need of the utmost care in preventing this unnecessary waste of life through avoidable accidents. We have also fresh in our memories a train wreck in which ten were killed and thirty one injured, due to the negligence of a truck driver in attempting a crossing. Including these, there have been forty four killed and eighty one seriously injured in crossing accidents in 1922.

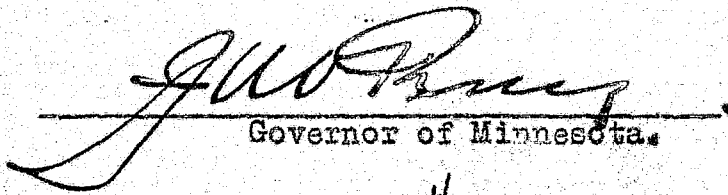
The state in its program of highway construction, in conjunction with the railroads, is eliminating dangerous grade crossings as rapidly as possible, but the elimination of all grade crossings at best will require several years. The necessity of eternal vigilance in the operation of motor vehicles should therefore be given serious attention. Safety first campaigns among railroad employes and in industries have borne splendid results. Just as much can be accomplished in reducing automobile accidents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate the week beginning October 16th as a week in which special attention be given to the Cross Crossings Carefully campaign. My I ask that the matter be given notice in the public schools, in theatres, newspapers and public meetings generally? Employers are requested to urge upon drivers the need of extreme caution in avoiding accidents at crossings and elsewhere. Owners of motor vehicles, passengers and drivers are urged to give heed to the need of being cautious themselves and of giving warning to others to be careful. If a few minutes daily be given to this subject in the schools it will go a long ways towards bringing home to the children, and through them to the parents, the absolute necessity of taking steps to reduce the frightful toll taken by automobile accidents.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Great Seal  
of the State to be affixed this 14th day  
of October, A. D. 1922.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

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