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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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PROCLAMATION

Education is vital to existence of a republic. If America is to continue as the land of freedom and opportunity, if popular government is to survive, we must provide a liberal education for all. It is not enough that we give lessons to native and foreign born residents in citizenship and patriotism. It is necessary that all citizens be able to speak, read and write our country's language fluently and correctly, for these three things are the essential agencies for conveying thought. Through them we learn the history of our country, its fundamental laws, and the obligations and privileges of citizenship. Through them we express our joys and grievances and learn the hopes and disappointments of others, and may thus arrive at common understanding and cooperate for the common welfare.

The United States Bureau of Education, the National Education Association and the American Legion are this year again promoting American Education Week. This week would be distinctly worth while if it did nothing more than call attention to the problem of illiteracy and hasten the day when it will be unknown in America. But we must not stop at that. We must continue improving our system of education until every American child receives the training which enables him to do well the thing for which he is best adapted. When we can, in the training of each youth, combine efficiency with a realization of his obligations to his country and to humanity, we may feel safe about the security of our country and the welfare of mankind.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby request and urge that American Education Week, December 3 to 9, be observed throughout the state. School teachers and officials, churches, newspapers, and civic and commercial organizations of all kinds are invited and urged to participate.

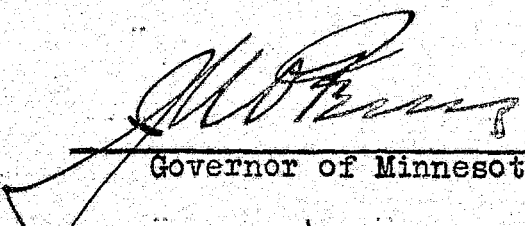
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All the problems connected with education should be discussed

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fully and freely, including illiteracy, citizenship training, the welfare of teachers, equality of educational opportunity, hygiene and physical education, humane education, vocational training. The financial question should also be considered, It is false economy to be parsimonious in educational matters, but to permit money to be wasted or spent foolishly will only injure the cause of education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state to be affixed hereto this fifteenth day of November, 1922.


Governor of Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State.

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