

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department.

PROCLAMATION.

An All-wise Providence has seen fit to call from this earth the Chief Executive of this Nation, President Warren G. Harding. The people of the State of Minnesota mourn his departure very deeply. President Harding was beloved by all for his uprightness, his strength of character, his patriotism, and above all for his human qualities. Let us show our love and esteem for him and our respect for his position, by fitting tributes to his memory.

Friday, August tenth, 1923, having been selected as the day upon which the remains of the late President will be laid to rest at his home at Marion, Ohio, I, J.A.O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby direct that all public business be suspended and that all public offices and buildings be closed on that day. I would further earnestly request and urge that private activities, so far as possible, cease, and that private places of business be closed during that day. At the hour fixed for the funeral, let the bells of churches and public buildings be tolled for one hour. Let the flags upon all public buildings remain at half mast for a period of thirty days from the day of his death.

Wednesday, August Eighth, 1923, the day upon which religious exercises will be held in the Capitol at Washington, should also be observed by the people of our State. It would be most appropriate that public memorial exercises be held in every community in the state, Let public business be suspended during the afternoon.

Let us, with one accord, united in tributes of reverent respect for the memory of this illustrious citizen, who gave his life in the service of our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, at the Capitol, in the city of Saint Paul, this fourth day of August, 1923.

*J.A.O. Preus*  
Governor of Minnesota

Attest: *[Signature]*  
Secretary of State.

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