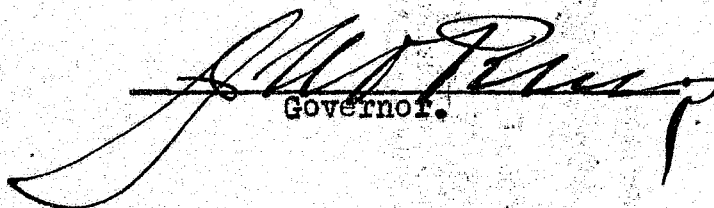
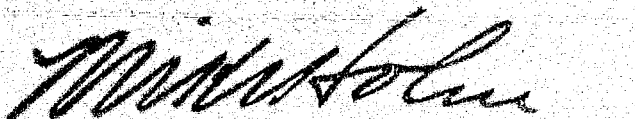


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Great Seal  
of the State to be affixed this 16th  
day of October, 1923.

  
Governor.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State.

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*Wm. H. ...*  
Secretary of State

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

The progress made in the United States towards the universal education of its people is unique in the world's history. Nevertheless we cannot point with any pride to our record as long as we have countless thousand who can neither read nor write. We cannot expect either native or foreign born residents to become good citizens and good Americans if they cannot read our country's Constitution and history and communicate freely with others concerning this nation's affairs.

We should not rest until every person of school age or over, with normal mentality, can read and write. That should be our first aim and objective. When that is accomplished, much still remains to be done in extending our courses until every boy and girl is adequately trained for the life work for which he is by nature best fitted.

The whole welfare of our nation and its people is so directly dependent upon the best education of our citizens that it behooves us to give it our best thought and attention. To focus the attention of the public upon this important question, The President has designated the week of November 18th to 24th as  
**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK.**

The plan was approved and the dates selected by the late President Harding shortly before his death. The American Legion, the National Education Association and others are cooperating in calling attention to our educational problems.

Minnesota may be justly proud of its educational record. Our proportion of illiterates is lower than in most states, and in many branches of advanced education we are second to none. Yet there is much that we can do, both in promoting better education at home and in cooperating in the general movement to eradicate illiteracy from the nation. Let us all join in observing National Education Week, and let us all give our best effort towards solving these important problems.

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