

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ST. PAUL

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

Friday, September 13th, has by order of President Coolidge been designated as Defense Test Day. The purpose of Defense Test Day is to enable our citizens to visualize the initial processes which will be necessary in order to mobilize our forces for national defense in conformity with the National Defense Act of 1920. It will enable each community to understand the contribution it would be required to make in order to bear its share of the common burden which would be involved were war again to be necessary.

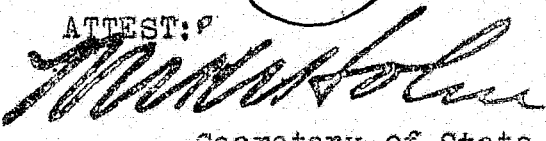
As long as the possibility of war exists, we must maintain reasonable preparedness for it. To be prepared may avert the need of going to war. But Defense Test Day is in no sense a military demonstration, nor can it in any way be construed as tending to promote war. In so far as it helps to visualize some of the machinery in war, it should promote practical peace movements. I believe every person interested in his country's welfare should cooperate in the plans for Defense Test Day.

THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby call upon the urge all patriotic citizens of the state to assist in every manner possible in carrying out the plans for Defense Test Day. I would further urge that employers grant their employes such time as may be necessary for them to participate in the programs of the day, and that all civilian organizations and individuals do their part to carry out the intent and purpose of the National Defense Act of 1920.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this 1st day of August, 1934.

  
Governor.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State.

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*W. H. Johnson*  
Secretary of State