

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In the year 1933 fifteen thousand people in the United States lost their lives by fire. The total property lost was \$550,000,000, or per capita loss of \$5.00. The loss of life and property in 1933 is approximately equal to the loss by fire in 1912. With careful attention to the subject of fire prevention, there should be a substantial reduction in this loss each year. The per capita loss could, with reasonable care, be cut to one tenth of what it is today.

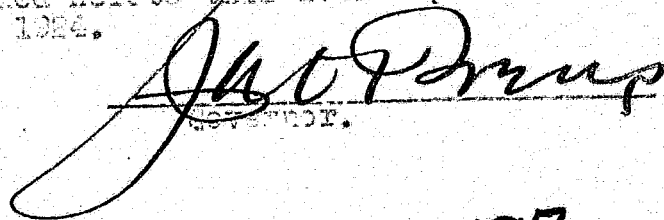
Fire insurance does not cover this loss; it merely distributes the burden of paying for the property destroyed. At a time when timber is growing scarcer and higher in price, we can ill afford to permit this huge waste of material. Therefore, J. A. D. Frous, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate the week

October 5th to 11th as
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Let me urge upon every citizen, not only for the sake of himself and his family, but for the sake of the community, that he make every possible effort to rid his premises of fire hazards. Heating equipment, including chimneys, should be made safe. Rubbish should be removed from basements, closets, attics and out-buildings. Especial care should be taken to see that all schools, churches, theaters, hospitals and other buildings where people congregate, be made safe against fire, and that they be provided with fire escapes and fire extinguishers.

Let me also urge that school officials and teachers arrange to give instruction in fire prevention, and that municipal officials and civic organizations take adequate steps to impress upon the public the necessity of preventing the loss of life and property through fire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this 10th day of September, 1934.


GOVERNOR.

Secretary of State.

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