## STATE OF MINEESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## PROCLAMATION

The framers of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota wisely put into that document the following provision: "The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the legislature to establish a general and uniform system of public schools."

Our legislatures have faithfully observed this mandate and established and maintained a splendid system of schools. But our teachers and school officials cannot keep the schools at their highest efficiency or make improvements therein, unless they have the continuous interest and cooperation of the parents and the public.

That there may be closer cooperation between parents, teachers, and pupils; that all citizens may be aware of the importance of education to the nation; that illiteracy may be removed where it exists, American Education week was instituted shortly ofter the World war. This year it will be observed November 17 to 23.

While the subject of education is one which should have our serious attention at all times, let me urge the people of Minnesota to give it special thought during American education week. Let us visit the schools. Let us inquire into the teachers' and the school officers' problems and try to aid in solving them. Let us study the relation of the schools to the state.

But above all let us resolve to do our part in the education of our children. If the child receives the proper home training, the teachers' task will be greatly lightened; if the home influence is bad, the teachers work will be largely nullified. Let us remember that a clean, wholesome home environment, instruction in patriotism, morality and religion, watchful care over the children's recreation, and the example of honesty in our dealings with our fellowmen, will have a tremendous influence for good upon the lives of our children. Our schools have made wonderful progress but with the active cooperation of parents and teachers, much more can yet be done.

IN WITHEST WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Scal of the State to be affixed hereto this third day of November, 1924.

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