

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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

Armistice day, November eleventh, is by an act of the Legislature a legal holiday in Minnesota. It should be more than that. It should be marked not merely by the suspension of public business, but by a general cessation of private business and by public assemblages to call attention to the importance of the day.

President Coolidge in urging observance of Armistice day, has pointed out that it is the first of our holidays marking historic events which is international in its aspect. As Armistice day marked the end of a conflict in which a majority of the civilized nations participated, so its observance by those nations should tend to bring them closer to each other, and spur the growing determination to prevent armed conflict in the future.

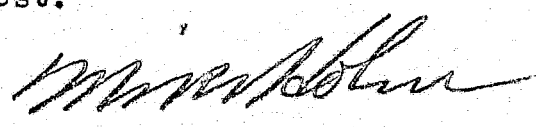
As Governor of Minnesota, let me urge that Armistice day be generally observed throughout Minnesota. Let us pause in our daily tasks and do honor to those who served and sacrificed for their country during its hour of anxiety. Let us not forget those who still suffer from the wounds of that conflict. Let us give all possible support to the American Legion in its efforts to arrange programs in keeping with the true significance of the day. Let the day be one of re-consecration to service to our country, in war, if it ever comes, which Heaven forbid; but more so to patriotic service in time of peace. Let us, each and all, determine to do our part to aid the worldwide movement for the prevention of war.

A half day can profitably be devoted to patriotic ceremonies in the public schools. Armistice day should be made not only an occasion for inculcating lessons of patriotism and love for our country, but for teaching love and respect for the people of other nations. It is only by removing racial hatreds and jealousies, and by acquiring a better understanding between people widely separated, that we can hope for any permanent world peace.

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

  
Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:

  
Secretary of State.

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*W. H. Johnson*

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