

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION


The boys and girls of any age, the citizens of the future, always receive inspiration from the study of the lives of great men and women who have preceded them. Whenever any man has risen from humble circumstances, has served his country gloriously in the hour of emergency, and continued to serve it faithfully and conscientiously in times of peace, it is most fitting that his record be held up as an example for others to follow.

Such a man was Knute Nelson. His birth was most humble, his youth was beset with hardships, yet he conquered all difficulties and rose to a position next to the highest in the land. At the age of seventeen he responded to Lincoln's call for volunteers and rendered conspicuous service. As a member of the Legislature, as county attorney, as state senator, as a member of Congress, as Governor of his state, and for nearly thirty years as a member of the United States senate, he gave his state and country exceptionally valuable service. He was always modest, unselfish, gentle and kind, yet firm and unswerving once had he made up his mind what was right.

A record of service and achievement so unusual and conspicuous should be preserved by a permanent memorial. It is proposed to erect a bronze statue of Senator Nelson upon the State Capitol grounds, and a replica thereof in the city which was his home. It is a tribute which we owe to his memory. But a memorial like this is more than a mere token of our love and respect for this soldier and statesman. It will be a beacon light which will guide our young men and women in generations to come, into the paths of patriotic service and devotion to their country.

Therefore I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate the period from November 17 to 29 as a time for the collection of funds for this permanent memorial. Let me urge all citizens of the state not only to show their appreciation of Nelson's services but let us by this means point out to future generations what may be accomplished in this land of opportunity by any youth who has industry, integrity, and the will to serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
affixed and have hereunto set my
hand, at the Capitol in the City of
St. Paul, this 12th, day of November,
1924.


Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State