STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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The people of Minnesota, in the year which is now drawing to a close, have garnered an unusually bountiful harvest, and they are enjoying greater material prosperity than they have in several years. Our nation has been at peace and we have had tranquillity at home. We have been free from pestilence and serious epidemics, and the storms which have stricken portions of our state, have taken no great toll of life or limb.

That we may express our gratitude to the Almighty for the blessings he has showered upon us, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate Thursday, November 27th, as

A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING

and urge that it be observed throughout the state, in our customary places of worship and other places of public assembly, and at the family firesides.

Let us observe it in the spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers, and voice our gratitude for our material blessings. But let us also remember the spirit of George Washington, who called upon the people to give thanks for the opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Let us give thanks because this government still survives and not only permits us to enjoy the full fruits of our toil, but guarantees to us life, liberty and equal opportunities in the pursuit of happiness.

Let us do more than give thanks with our voice. Let us show our gratitude by sharing our blessings with those less fortunate. Let us resolve at this Thanksgiving season to remember at all times the sick and the needy, the men and women disabled in the service of their country, and all others who need cheer and comfort. Let us make certain that no one shall want in this land of plenty.

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

Attest:

Governor

Secretary of State.

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