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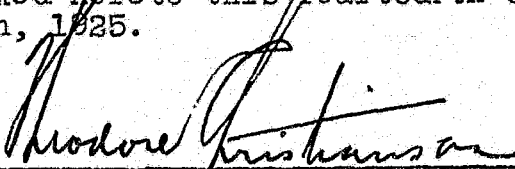
P R O C L A M A T I O N

April nineteenth, 1925, marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. The importance of this event in American history cannot be too highly emphasized. It was the real beginning of the American revolution. The "embattled farmers" who on that day "fired the shot heard round the world," formed the nucleus of the troops that were soon to be recognized by the Continental Congress as the Continental army. Among the events which led to the establishment of our republic, the Battle of Lexington and Concord is second in importance only to Independence day.

The anniversary will be observed throughout the nation. I sincerely hope that there be some commemorative exercises in every community in Minnesota. Since the day falls on Sunday, let me suggest that there be some reference to the event in every church and Sunday school. I would also strongly urge that there be a general observance of the anniversary in all schools in the state on Monday, April 20th. It would also be appropriate for civic and patriotic organizations to arrange appropriate exercises to be held either on Monday or at such hours on Sunday as will not interfere with the regular observance of the Sabbath.

Let us pay fitting tribute to the services and sacrifices of the heroes of 1775. Let us also resolve to dedicate ourselves to service to the Republic which had its birth in the Battle of Lexington and Concord, that we may secure to posterity the blessings of liberty which we enjoy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, <sup>have</sup> hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this fourteenth day of March, 1925.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:  Secretary of State.

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*W. H. Johnson*

Secretary of State