STATE OF MINNESOTA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

For more than three score years, there has been designated each year a day sacred to the soldier dead of the Republic. Minnesota was the first State to offer aid to the Union in the time of the Nation's greatest crisis and in other and later wars she has never shirked the heat of battle. It is therefore meet that in Minnesota, the attention of the people should be called especially to the sacred duties of Memorial Day.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that inasmuch as May 30, 1926, occurs on the Sabbath Day,

MONDAY, MAY 31st

may in lieu thereof be observed by the people of this Commonwealth with proper exercises in honor of the sacred dead, and is hereby designated Memorial Day.

The relentless hand of Time has taken increasing toll of our soldiers. One by one they have joined the innumerable host of those who have marched to their final camp. Thus our sad privilege of rendering respect and reverence in even greater than before. Let us on this occasion join hands with those men in blue and drab and kahki, who still are with us, and see that the graves of those who have gone beyond the sunset are fittingly beautified with flowers and flags, emblematic of the promise that in the Nation's memory, they shall never die.

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Let hospitals and homes where afflicted soldiers are housed be visited, that the living may enjoy that honor and appreciation which is their due.

In public exercises to be held throughout the State let recognition be accorded the accomplishments of our patriots in all the Nation's wars. Let the day be devoted to the memory of those to whom no sacrifice was too great in their country's time of supreme need.

> GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seel of the State this 13th day of May, 1926.

Governor of Minnesota.

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Secretary of State.

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