

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION.

Navy Day will be observed throughout the country on Thursday, October 27.

This date marks the birthday anniversary of the American navy. On October 27, 1775, a resolution was introduced in the Continental Congress authorizing the purchase of merchant vessels to be converted into men-of-war. Among the ships purchased in accordance with this authority was "The Alfred" which was later commanded by John Paul Jones in the service of the Colonies.

October 27 is also the anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, who as president patriotically devoted much of his attention to establishing a sound naval policy for the United States.

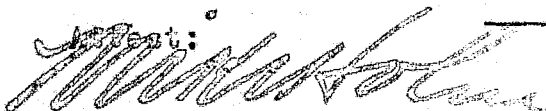
The United States is today one of the great maritime nations. Thirty per cent of its harvests and ten per cent of its industrial products are sold abroad. The need and importance of a sound policy of naval protection should therefore be self-evident.

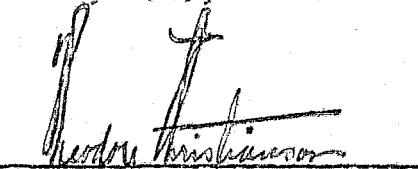
The purpose of Navy Day is to arouse interest in the Navy, its needs, its purposes, and its history of distinguished and patriotic accomplishments. An adequate navy stands for assurance of peace and prosperity.

I urge general observance of Navy Day throughout the State by schools and civic and patriotic organizations, that our citizens may both understand and appreciate what our Navy means to the Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 24th day of October, A.D., 1927.

(Great Seal)

  
Secretary of State.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

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