STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

By law, Armistice Day, November 11, has been designated a holiday in Minnesota. It is appropriate that the day be observed in commemoration of the event which ended the greatest war in history. Let us hope that that event may signalize the beginning of an era of peace, in which friendly negotiation and mutual concession may take the place of armed conflict as means of settling those differences which from time to time arise among the nations.

The armistice of November 11, 1918, ended the conflict of arms. It will prove but a brief and transitory peace, if it implied only an agreement to cease firing. There must be a disarmament of the hostile spirit, a laying down of prejudices and animosities as well as of guns, if the world shall realize the hopes and justify the sacrifices of the men who fought.

It is well that the people of this Commonwealth pause in their labors for a day to review again the epochmaking events of the last decade, to consider the new obligations placed upon the nation as a result of its participation in the Great War, to ponder the responsibilities of citizenship, and to thank God that brave, strong men again have shown their willingness to die for the Republic.

Let the people of Minnesota suspend their usual labors on this day, assemble for patriotic services in their respective communities, and visit the hospitals where the men who were disabled are still paying the price.

(Great Seal)

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be hereto affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul, this 8th Day of November, A. D., 1927.

Governor of Minnesota.

Secretary of State.

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