STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

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The annual observance of Navy Day will take place throughout the country on Saturday, October 27th.

This date is the birthday anniversary of the American navy. The Continental Congress on October 27th, 1775, passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of merchant vessels to be converted into men-of-war. October 27th is also the anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, who as President advocated maintenance of an adequate navy as a sound policy for peace and protection.

Our navy safeguards the nearly two billion dollars of agricultural products and three billion dollars worth of manufactured goods exported annually. It assures the uninterrupted flow of essential imports. It gives needed protection to our merchant marine throughout the waters of the world.

Thus are the people of the inland as well as of the sea-coast states interested in our navy and its efficiency. We take pride in its distinguished history and its patriotic accomplishments.

I urge general observance of Navy Day through the state by schools, civic and patriotic organizations, and citizens generally, that appreciation of our navy may be fittingly demonstrated and information disseminated of what our navy means to the nation.

> IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, this 22nd day of October, A. D., 1928.

> > Covernor of Minnesota.

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State.

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