

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The Legislature of the State of Minnesota by Chapter 445, of the Session Laws of 1927, proposed an amendment to Section 5, of Article 9, of the Constitution of Minnesota, authorizing the State to place in the trunk highway fund two-thirds and in the State road and bridge fund one-third of any and all excise taxes levied and collected on fluids used or useful in propelling motor vehicles or on the business of selling or dealing therein, in the following language:

SECTION 1: The following amendment to section 5 of article 9 of the constitution (as amended), is hereby proposed to the people of the State for their approval or rejection, which amendment, when so adopted, shall read:

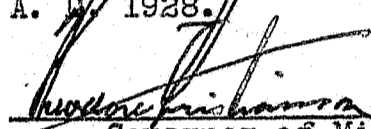
"SECTION 5. For the purpose of defraying extraordinary expenditures, the state may contract public debts, but such debts shall never, in the aggregate, exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; every such debt shall be authorized by law, for some single object, to be distinctly specified therein; and no such law shall take effect until it shall have been passed by the vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the legislature, to be recorded by yeas and nays on the journals of each house respectively; and every such law shall levy a tax annually sufficient to pay the annual interest of such debt, and also a tax sufficient to pay the principal of such debt within ten years from the final passage of such law, and shall specially appropriate the proceeds of such taxes to the payment of such principal and interest; and such appropriation and taxes shall not be repealed, postponed, or diminished, until the principal and interest of such debt shall have been wholly paid. The state shall never contract any debts for works of internal improvements, or be a party in carrying on such works, except as authorized by section 16 of Article 9, and by Article 16 of this Constitution, but it may levy an excise tax upon any substance, material, fluid, force or other means or instrumentality, or the business of dealing in, selling or producing any or all thereof, used or useful, in producing or generating power for propelling motor or other vehicles used on the public highways of this state, and shall place two-thirds of the proceeds of such tax in the trunk highway fund provided for in section 2 of said Article 16, and one-third thereof in the state road and bridge fund, and further except in cases where grants of land or other property shall have been made to the state, especially dedicated by the grant to specific purposes, and in such cases the state shall devote thereto the avails of such grants, and may pledge or appropriate the revenues derived from such works in aid of their completion."

AND WHEREAS It appears from the official canvass of the votes cast at the last general election held on November 6, 1928, for and against the aforesaid constitutional amendment made in conformity with the law that the majority of all electors voting at such election voted for its adoption:

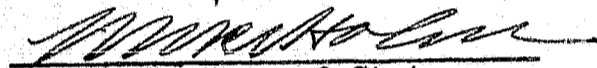
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the power vested in me and in compliance with law, do hereby publish and proclaim that the proposed amendment to section 5, of article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota has been ratified and adopted as prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this Twentieth day of December, A. D. 1928.


Governor of Minnesota.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State