

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

Minnesota, like other States, suffers annually an appalling fire loss. Last year it amounted to \$7,902,910. This year, due to the forest fires in the northern part of the State, the loss will be considerably more. The loss throughout the nation during 1928 was \$472,000,000. America has a larger annual ash heap than any other civilized nation.

To a large degree, this waste is preventable. Much of it is caused by carelessness. It is a mistake to assume that the loss is replaced by insurance payments. Insurance only distributes the loss over a larger number of people. The public everywhere loses from a fire anywhere.

Therefore, I urge upon the citizens of Minnesota to give earnest consideration to the ways and means of eliminating fire waste, and to that end, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of Minnesota, do designate and proclaim

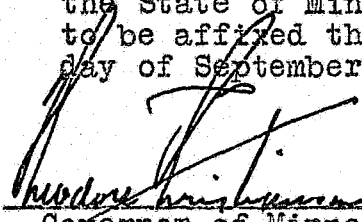
October 6, to October 12, inclusive

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.


Let public authorities, especially fire departments, conduct inspections in their respective towns and cities with a view to removing every fire hazard. Let appropriate programs, including fire drills, be conducted in the public schools. Let citizens in the wooded country make special effort to safeguard the forests from further loss, as these districts are at present in a very dry condition and unusually susceptible of ignition. Let all interested in public welfare lend aid in order that there may be established fire prevention methods which will give Minnesota enviable distinction as a State wherein the hazards and losses of fire have been reduced to a minimum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and
caused the Great Seal of
the State of Minnesota
to be affixed this 24th
day of September, 1929.


Governor of Minnesota.

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ATTEST:


Secretary of State.

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W. H. Johnson
Secretary of State