

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ST. PAUL

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Minnesota's first official Thanksgiving was celebrated December 26, 1850, in accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor Alexander Ramsey. At that time, Minnesota was divided into but nine counties with a total population of only 6,000 people. St. Paul was a frontier village with 225 dwellings. St. Anthony (Minneapolis) had but 115. Good cheer, however, did not depend on numbers. At sunrise, church bells called the people to worship, and later in the day they feasted on venison, bear meat and buffalo steak. It is said there was not a turkey within the boundaries of Minnesota at that time.

Since 1850, Thanksgiving has been annually proclaimed and observed in Minnesota. The villages of St. Paul and St. Anthony have become metropolitan centers with nearly a million people. Minnesota's population of 6,000 in Governor Ramsey's day has grown to more than two and a half million. Log cabins are replaced by comfortable homes, with their modern conveniences. "Trails" have become graveled and paved highways. The landscape is dotted with fertile farms. Industry has developed. Commerce has expanded.

Minnesota has indeed much for which to be thankful. We are thankful for our wonderful progress. We are thankful for the blessings of citizenship, for the development of our resources, and for the patriotism of those who have not hesitated to make the supreme sacrifice in the nation's time of need, and thus established American ideals that typify an advance not to be measured in material gain.

With humble gratitude to God, let the people respond to the call to worship and give heartfelt thanks. Let vocations and business be laid aside and the day be given over to sacred and patriotic observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate

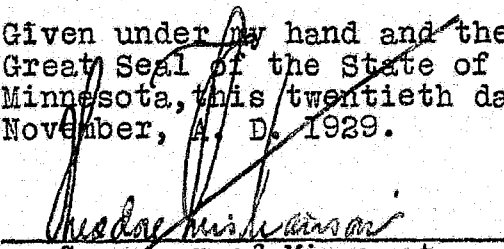
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1929

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THANKSGIVING DAY.

and ask that it be fittingly observed by citizens throughout our commonwealth.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, this twentieth day of November, A. D. 1929.


Governor of Minnesota.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

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Secretary of State