

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

On October 27, 1858, Theodore Roosevelt was born. Enough time has elapsed since his death to give us the correct perspective in which to view the career of the most typically American statesman since Abraham Lincoln. Like every other forceful man, he had both friends and enemies. The years have softened the antagonism of his opponents without diminishing in the least the enthusiastic admiration of those who were his friends. When winter comes and the leaves fall, the rugged outlines of the oak are more clearly seen. So when the less important details of a life are obscured by the years, the vigor of the character from which that life drew its sustaining force stands out in bolder relief.

Theodore Roosevelt was born in the East, but his soul was of the West. He learned at first hand the rigors of frontier life. He responded to its challenge, and became strong of soul and body. He learned to love the truth, and developed the courage to follow it when compromise and concessions offered easier course. He scorned demagoguery, but never lost faith in the inherent honesty and ultimate intelligence of the people. He dared to stand alone, but was wise enough to realize that it does not avail to remain standing alone; hence he appealed to the people with so much fervor and sincerity that followers were never lacking. He foresaw the dangers that would attend upon concentration of wealth and power; hence he took steps to break up those aggregations and combinations which threatened opportunity and dulled initiative. He realized that fine ideals have little potency unless those who hold them are willing to fight vigorously for them. He refused to allow himself to be fooled by fine phrases and unctuous declarations. He loathed sham, and scorned hypocrisy. He stripped fallacies of their finely worded trappings and exposed the truth.

America may well cherish the memory and example of this man. By following the pathway that he blazed, our country will move forward safely towards its destiny. By emulating him, youth may be strengthened and stimulated to finer achievements.

THEREFORE, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, request that on Monday, October 27, 1930, the children in the schools of the state be permitted during a suitable period to study the life of this great American, and the historic events with which his name is linked. I would also suggest that appropriate public exercises be held in every community *by* which may

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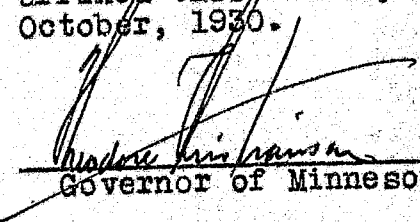
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be strengthened the people's faith in the country which he served and their devotion to the high principles of patriotic service which he exemplified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 1930.

(GREAT SEAL)

  
Governor of Minnesota

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State

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