STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

It is a rare opportunity which the people of our state and nation have to celebrate two outstanding events on one day. October 27 marks the 155th birthday anniversary of the American navy, for on October 27, 1775, a resolution was introduced in the Continental Congress authorizing the purchase of merchant vessels to be converted into men-of-war. October 27 also marks the seventy-second anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt. Much credit is due Theodore Roosevelt for laying the sound foundation upon which was built the great naval strength which the United States possessed at the time of the Washington Limitation of Arms Conference. It is therefore fitting that on this date we should turn our thoughts to this great arm of our service. A policy of adequate naval protection is of vital importance to our country, as our interests reach to all parts of the world. It is therefore appropriate that public interest in our navy should be quickened.

To that end, I urge the proper observance of Navy Day on October 27, 1930, throughout the state by a display of flags on public and private buildings, and by appropriate exercises in schools and by patriotic and civic organizations to impress upon the mind the value and service of our navy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, this 17th day of October, 1930.

(GREAT SEAL)

Governor of Minnesots

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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