

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

The Thirtieth of May has been set aside by American citizens as a day to commemorate the services of the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the World War and other wars. This custom commends itself to all as a fitting tribute to the memory of those whom we love to honor, and the advent of "Memorial Day" is looked forward to each year with pride and affection by every patriotic citizen in our nation. It has now come to be a commemoration for all our honored dead, and the graves of all are decorated.

The wreathing of floral memories in remembrance of the sacred dead is only a form which will perish, but behind it is a sentiment as lasting as eternity. The heroism of those who died for their country still lives as an inspiration to the hearts of a grateful people. Participation in these exercises once each year will serve to remind this generation of the price paid to insure national unity and security.

NOW, THEREFORE, in keeping with a cherished national custom, I, Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate and proclaim

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1931

as

MEMORIAL DAY.

I sincerely recommend that the day be devoutly observed throughout the State by all the people in

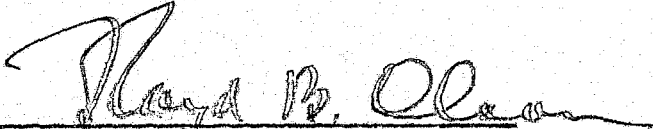
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commemoration of the devotion, the valor and the achievements of our honored dead. Let business cease; let public offices be closed; let the children participate in public ceremonies. Let us decorate the graves of our beloved soldiers and sailors with flowers, as tender tokens of a nation's love. Let flowers also be placed upon the graves of other friends who have passed into the unseen beyond. I respectfully recommend that the national flag be widely displayed as a lesson in patriotism to the rising generation and as a token of our pledge of loyalty to the Republic for which these heroes fought and died.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of  
Minnesota to be affixed this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1931.

(GREAT SEAL)

  
Governor of Minnesota

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State

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*W. H. H. H.*  
Secretary of State