## STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

## LABOR DAY PROCLAMATION

The progress and prosperity of the State and Nation is measured by the success and welfare of its wage-earners. It is most appropriate, therefore, that one day of each year should be set aside in recognition of Labor.

During this period of Depression and unemployment it is imperative that labor present a united front, and lead the way in securing the enactment of those laws which will insure to <u>all</u> the people of this Nation not only a decent living, but a fair share of the comforts and luxuries of life.

The doctrines of equality of opportunity and individualism in American government have served largely as an excuse for exploitation. There is no equality of opportunity when millions of people desiring work are unable to obtain it.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate and set aside Monday, September 7th as Labor Day, and I urge that not only labor but the public generally on that day put aside its usual activities and consider the rights of our workers and those dependent on them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota this 1st day of September, 1931.

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