STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

By his illustrious service as Commanderin-Chief of the American forces in our War for Independence; by his wise, tactful leadership in the difficult task of forming a permanent National Government after independence had been achieved, and by his constructive statesmanship as the first President of the United States, George Washington won the title of Father of Our Country.

That noble title testifies eloquently to the love and gratitude which the American people have always cherished for George Washington. Soon after his death, the anniversary of his birth was made a National holiday, and ever since appropriate celebrations in his honor have been held on that day in every community of our land.

February 22, 1932 being the two hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth, it is peculiarly fitting that the American people put forth special effort to honor the Father of Our Country this year, and the President of the United States has urged and recommended this in a public proclamation.

THEREFORE, I, Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby request all schools, churches, fraternal organizations and patriotic groups of our State to hold appropriate celebrations in honor of the Father of Our Country at various times from February 22nd until Thanksgiving Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 19th day of February, 1932.

(GREAT SEAL)

Governor of Minneso ta

Secretary of State

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