STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SAINT PAUL

PROCLAMATION

The Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth inaugurated a day of Thanksgiving to God. Since 1850 Thanksgiving has been annually proclaimed and observed in Minnesota.

Nature has blessed Minnesota with a wonderful abundance, and we are grateful this year as we have been in every other year since Minnesota became a State, for its abundance of natural beauty and its resources of soil, mine and forest, but we are also aware of the fact that not all of our people have enjoyed the same degree of prosperity, and that in the midst of abundance, our civilization is faced with poverty, want and unemployment.

While we are thankful for the natural advantages, and for the great abundance which Nature has bestowed upon us, we cannot ignore the want and suffering that exists.

We are thankful for the patience and the courage displayed by our people during this Depression. We are thankful for the fact that there is a genuine and sincere concern for those in distress. We can thus look forward to the future with renewed courage and with the determination to work together for a more equitable distribution of the bounties of Nature, and the relief of our needy citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1934

as

THANKSGIVING DAY.

I urge that it be observed throughout the State with appropriate ceremonies. Let us see to it that every person in our land has something for which to be grateful. Since Thanksgiving Day is also a day for patriotism, I would also urge that the flag be displayed on all public buildings

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and elsewhere, for it seems quite fitting that on this day, the Nation should be reminded of its patriotic heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 16th day of November, 1934.

Governor of Minnesota

Attest:

Secretary of State

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