

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SAINT PAUL



P R O C L A M A T I O N

It is fitting that the return of spring should turn our thoughts to the problem of preserving and improving the abundant natural resources of our State. In view of the catastrophic effects of the drouth and the ensuing misery, we cannot remain indifferent to the nation-wide conservation movement. It is important that we understand and support the work that is being done in Minnesota toward adequate water and erosion control.

The very existence of the state as a leading agricultural region has been threatened by the cumulative effect of decades of exploitation. If we do not lend our support to the conservation work being carried on by the federal and state government, we are placing in jeopardy our most precious possession, the land on which we live and depend. The nation has finally awakened to the need of replanting our denuded forest lands, of preventing soil erosion, and of maintaining our water supply.

The federal government has taken the lead in fostering this movement and by so doing has given employment to thousands of our youth. It is essential for our welfare and for the welfare of future generations that we continue to cooperate in this great work.

In order to further an understanding of the need and significance of conservation work, it is proper that one week of the year be set aside for the purpose of impressing upon our citizenry the far-reaching benefits that a planned program of conservation will insure. Thousands of our citizens have been given hope and encouragement through the employment opportunities afforded by conservation work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate May 5th to May 11th as

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION WEEK

and Friday, May 3rd, as

ARBOR AND BIRD DAY

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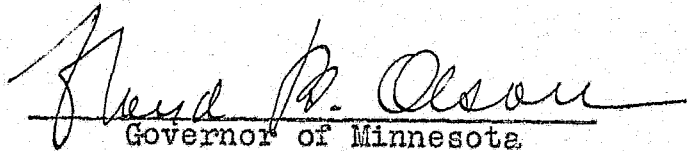
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I urge that schools, churches, and civic groups observe this week and this day with ceremonies appropriate to the occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 1935.


Governor of Minnesota

Attest:


Secretary of State

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Secretary of State