

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SAINT PAUL



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

WHEREAS, the week of November 11th to November 17th has been set aside as American Education Week and dedicated to the school as the bulwark of America's future, and

WHEREAS, we consider the education of our people as the best assurance that the finest tenets of our American faith will be maintained,

NOW, THEREFORE, I wish to call the attention of all the people of Minnesota to the significance of this event. I consider it important that all our people seriously consider the obligation of the state in the education of its youth, and the obligation of education in serving the needs of the people. Education, especially in troubled times like the present, must be constantly revised and improved in order that wise and necessary readjustments may be made to meet the existing situation. I wish to impress upon our people the importance of continuing to provide ever-increasing educational opportunities to all our children and the importance of giving them the kind of training which will enable them to meet the complex problems of a highly mechanized age and to solve intelligently the social, economic, and political problems which confront our nation.

Our hope and faith in a representative government are predicated upon the belief that the trained intelligence of a people is the only guarantee that good government can be achieved and the ideals of a democracy realized. We are committed firmly to the belief that an intelligent and properly directed educational system can assure the solution of our problems. On the one hand we have the problems of war, unemployment, poverty, crime, and disease; and against these forces of destruction we have the public schools--one of the most significant defenses against tyranny, injustice, cruelty, intolerance, and bigotry. The costs of education may seem high, but when contrasted with the responsibility which the schools bear, they are insignificant.

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There can be no compromise on education. We are as firm in our belief in equal educational opportunity to all as we are to our faith in the ideal of democratic government. We must continue to strive, even to the extent of sacrifice, to maintain our schools at an increasing level of efficiency. We must stand steadfast against all forces working to deprive our children of the one hope we have that the cultural achievements of generations may be utilized to liberate man and make a more just, happy, and secure universe. In the mighty citadels of learning in our universities and the smallest schoolhouse in the land we must keep the light of learning burning. It is here that rests our hope for a better and a more humane world.

If our schools are to continue to serve our needs, we must encourage the development of schools free to teach the truth to all people, since it is truth that will make us free. By doing this we can indicate our hope for our children and justify the faith that has been placed in us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 9th day of November, 1935.

Floyd B. Olson

Governor

Attest:

Minuteman
Secretary of State

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