

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
SAINT PAUL



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

For several years past May 18th has been widely observed as GOODWILL DAY, because it commemorates the anniversary of the meeting of the first Peace Conference at the Hague. It is desired this year to dedicate the whole month of May to the cause of Goodwill in the world. Such observance is wise and timely. Indeed, it is imperative. For the past year has been rife with wars and rumors of wars. The race of armaments continues at a feverish pace and burdens people, already in want, with crushing taxes. Armaments are costing the poverty stricken peoples of the earth four billion dollars every year and the expense is continually mounting. The lust for empire, racial prejudice, fear and suspicion threaten to destroy civilization.

In such a crisis it is imperative that we give heed to the ancient truth that peace comes only to men of goodwill. Equality may be questioned and fraternity may be delayed but goodwill is possible and desirable at all times, toward all people. With peculiar fervor it should be extended to the weak and helpless, to the poor and downtrodden. Even to the wayward and the criminal, who must be restrained, society can extend goodwill. If goodwill prevailed, there would be no need of armaments and military camps, of submarines and dreadnaughts and all the diabolical machinery of war. If goodwill obtained, human welfare and happiness would well-nigh be established. Goodwill is the highest motive of individual conduct and the basic, structural principle of society. Even in our age of science, the possibilities inherent in goodwill have hardly yet been tapped.

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

MONTH OF MAY, 1936

as

GOODWILL MONTH

and urge the people of this State to observe it by appropriate programs

7822

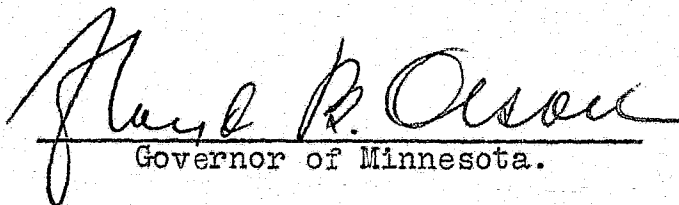
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
SAINT PAUL



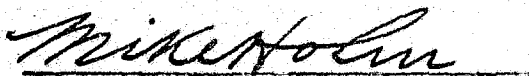
-2-

in churches, schools, homes and other institutions, to the end that we may develop a sense of unity and common humanity among all people, and thus prepare the way for the establishment of permanent world peace.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Minnesota, this 25th day of April, 1936.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:

  
Secretary of State.

7822

7822

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED  
APR

*Miss Helen*  
Secretary of State

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED  
APR 25 1936

*Miss Helen*  
Secretary of State