

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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P R O C L A M A T I O N

It is fitting that the month of May, which has been dedicated to the cause of goodwill, should be crowned and consummated by Memorial Day. The occasion will fail of its purpose if it does not remind us that the Civil War took its toll of five hundred thousand Americans who were in the flower of youth or in the prime of life. It is now agreed that there was a better way to cement the Union and to free the slaves than by resort to war. Armed conflict is the worst method of settling any issue.

In the 160 years of its existence this Nation has had six major wars and has invoked arms on 94 other occasions. The greatest Armageddon of all was the World War which up to June 30th, 1929 cost the Nation the colossal sum of 38 billion dollars. It is estimated that out of every dollar spent to run the Federal Government, 80 cents goes to pay expenses growing out of past wars, for pensions, interest on war debts, and for preparation for future wars.

So Memorial Day brings a searching challenge that there be wrought in our hearts a hatred of war and a love of peace and goodwill. Armed conflict has been shorn of its glory and pomp. Peace has triumphs more brilliant and permanent than the victories of battle. In war no one is victor and all are defeated. Pens have proved to be mightier than swords; farms, factories and laboratories are more creative of human welfare than are battleships and fortifications. All the weapons fashioned by human ingenuity and all the arms devised have left man wounded, bleeding, burdened, staggering and his civilization tottering. Memorial Day challenges us to put on a new armor -- the armor of brotherhood and goodwill, of cooperation and understanding.

That peace may be enshrined in the hearts of our citizens and war dethroned, I, Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate

Saturday, May 30th, 1936

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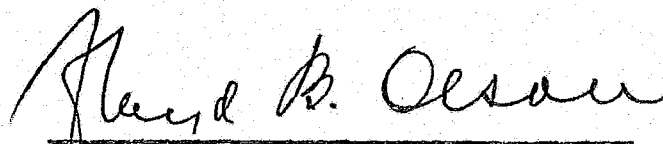
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Upon this day let us enlist as comrades in the service of peace and goodwill, that reason may stand firm at all times against passion, and kindness displace hate. May the heroes of peace, as well as those of war, be honored. May patient, heroic mothers and faithful toilers on farms and in shops, factories, laboratories be revered and esteemed, as well as soldiers and conquerors. May this Memorial Day be dedicated to peace and goodwill that the time may soon be at hand when "swords shall be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore."

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 May, 1936.


Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:


Secretary of State

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