

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SAINT PAUL


PROCLAMATION

As September 17th approaches, the citizens of this state and nation should be mindful that the occasion commemorates the 149th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. Americans should never forget this date, for it marks one of the most important events in modern history. Not only did the great document establish the frame-work of our national government, but it guaranteed to our citizens certain precious rights and liberties.

This year Constitution Day prompts one to more thoughtful observance than usual, when we consider the breakdown of democratic government in other parts of the world. Great nations are challenging the validity of the concept of constitutional government itself.

It is very fitting that on this occasion we should give serious consideration to the meaning that the Constitution has for the average citizen. Our people should not be asked to accept with a blind faith the sacredness of this document of human liberties so vitally affecting the welfare of all, but, rather, should be encouraged to study the Constitution intelligently and without prejudice, for the purpose of determining whether or not this instrument is suited to present-day needs, or is in need of modification.

Every American citizen should be familiar at least with the outline of the Constitution, with the frame-work of government it established, and the principles it enshrines. And to the end that faith in democracy may be perpetuated and the ideals of the Founding Fathers preserved in these days of storm and stress, I, Hjalmar Petersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby designate

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1936

as
CONSTITUTION DAY

I urge that the occasion be fittingly and widely observed in homes and in places of worship, schools and colleges, and by all civic and patriotic organizations.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
great seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 15th day of
September, 1936.

Wjalmar Petersen
Governor

ATTEST:

Miss Helen
Secretary of State.

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Wm. H. Olson
Secretary of State