

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
SAINT PAUL



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

Friday, September 17th, marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Constitution of the United States. That date marks not only the birth of our nation as a united entity but the establishment of freedom and liberty of the common man as a right and obligation of government.

Other nations have been founded for the benefit of the governing class. Our nation was founded for the benefit of the governed.

The Constitution has weathered many storms. Special privilege has attempted to use it for selfish ends. Industrialists, in their ruthless exploitation of our resources and of our people, have attempted to disregard it.

But in the end the Constitution has triumphed. That was because the founding fathers intended it to be a document to preserve the rights of the common people and to make available to everyone the opportunity to share in the wealth of our land.

In order that the ideals of the founding fathers may be realized and faith in democratic government may be perpetuated, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate

FRIDAY, September 17, 1937

as

CONSTITUTION DAY

and I urge that the occasion be observed with fitting services in all homes, universities, schools and colleges, places of public worship, and by all civic and patriotic organizations. It is hereby ordered that all State offices shall be closed during the afternoon of said day. Particularly I want to urge upon youth the observance of this great day, in order that they may re-dedicate themselves to the preservation of our nation and the continuance of democratic government in this chaotic world.

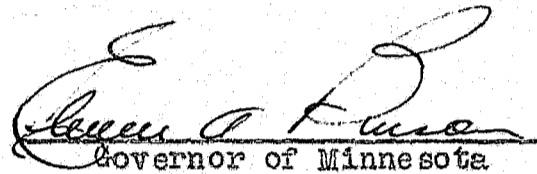
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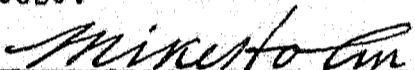


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 15th day of  
September, 1937.

  
Governor of Minnesota

Attest:

  
Secretary of State

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*Miss. Johnson*  
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