

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SAINT PAUL



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

November 11 of this year will mark the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended the armed conflict of the World War and ushered in efforts to re-establish peace between nations.

The scenes of that first Armistice Day, with its joy at our re-consecration to the task of building peace, are unforgettably engraved in the memories of the soldiers, sailors, and marines who were then members of the enlisted forces, as well as their wives, mothers, sisters, and younger brothers at home.

Nearly every adult citizen then living took part in the scenes of that first Armistice Day. We were thus provided, in the very persons of our citizens, with a kind of living reminder of the true and rich meaning of Armistice Day; and this deeper meaning has been faithfully reflected in the programs of our veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries, which have devoted themselves to humanitarian work and the promotion of peace.

But the silent artillery of time is now leveling away our living memories of that first Armistice Day. A new generation is rising, which did not participate in its scenes. Death has claimed many who were then living.

It is therefore fitting and proper that we should, by special proclamation, recall the attention of the people to the memories of this day, and its meaning in the history of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of Minnesota, hereby proclaim

ARMISTICE DAY

November 11, 1938

as a day for special public services and exercises.

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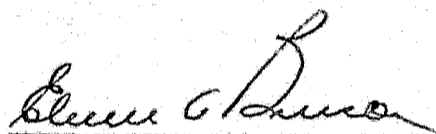


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On that day, state offices in Minnesota will be closed, and the flag will be flown at half-mast, in memory of those who offered their lives in the service of their countrymen.


I urge that our citizens, in all services and exercises devoted to commemoration of our war dead, also dedicate themselves anew to the search for the cause and cure of war, so that these dead may not have died in vain, but may sometime find their true monument in a lasting and honorable peace between the nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 14th day of October, 1938.


Governor of Minnesota

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Attest:


Secretary of State

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W. H. Johnson
Secretary of State.