

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SAINT PAUL

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the last Thursday in November is annually set apart for thanksgiving by proclamation of the President and the Governors of the various states; and

WHEREAS, this festival is always marked by religious observances, family reunions, community celebrations, and the sharing of material wellbeing with those who are in want or distress;

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

THURSDAY, November 24, 1939

as

THANKSGIVING DAY

I ask that state offices be closed on that day, and urge that municipal buildings and private places of business also be closed, in order to permit as many people as possible to take part in the customary observances of this day.

I also ask that the flag be displayed in appropriate places. The first Thanksgiving Day in 1621 represented, among other things, the community's sense of a common concern about the material well-being of every one in Pilgrim colony. Thanksgiving Day always takes us back in spirit to that early community sense of our obligations to one another in the search for security and plenty. Throughout our history, special Thanksgiving days have always been marked by this sense of a common brotherhood in facing the vicissitudes of life. Such a spirit is justly regarded as a very fine kind of patriotism and this day may therefore be justly regarded as one of patriotism, marked by the display of our national emblem, which should be looked upon not chiefly as a symbol of military glory but rather as an emblem of human brotherhood in the never-ending search for

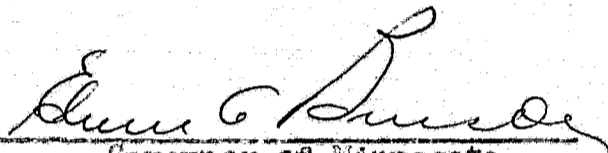
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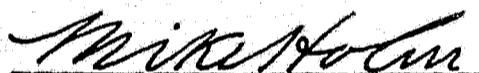
new opportunities for freedom and for both spiritual and material well-
fare.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State to be affixed this 15th day of November, 1938.


Governor of Minnesota

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Attest:


Secretary of State

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W. H. Johnson
Secretary of State.