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

The people of Minnesota have many reasons for observing the time-honored custom rooted in the religious traditions of the American people of observing one day in each year as a day of solemn and public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings to the people by and through which they have peace, contentment, and the material things necessary for their welfare and wholesome enjoyment. The resources of the State due to the fertility of its soil, the mineral deposits, the forests, the game, the fish, and countless other things, supplemented by industry and frugality, are ample for the needs and reasonable desires of all who dwell here. May those who possess more of the world's goods than they need give heed to others who through no fault of their own have less than necessity demands, and so suffer. Will not the more fortunate at this time seek out those who are in want, relieve the distressed, help the fallen to rise, and bring hope and cheer to the disconsolate in the name of Him who has given to us so bountifully?

At this time when many of the nations of the world are engaged in war, accompanied by the terrible loss of lives and property and attended by all the grief, misery, and sorrow that war produces, our greatest blessing is that America is at peace. Our hearts are filled with sympathy for the stricken ones. We pray that the terrible conflicts may end. We are thankful that we have been spared from the catastrophe that has come upon so many of the

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great nations of the world.

So, at this time, it is especially fitting and proper that a day of thanksgiving should be set aside, when no business shall be transacted in any of the departments of the State, when our domestic life shall be enriched by gatherings of kindred and friends, and when the fortunate shall give heed to the unfortunate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HAROLD E. STASSEN, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1940

as

THANKSGIVING DAY

and I do most earnestly call upon the people of Minnesota on that day to meet at their usual places of worship and there tender thanks to the Almighty God for the many blessings we enjoy, and I further call upon the people of Minnesota to display the American flag on their homes and on public buildings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of The State of Minnesota to be affixed this Fourteenth Day of November, 1940 at the State Capitol in St. Paul.

Harold E. Stassen
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Walter H. Johnson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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