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

WHEREAS, Minnesota's forests constitute one of the state's priceless resources, of value even greater today than when manufacture of lumber was king of Minnesota industries, and

WHEREAS, these forests rank as one of Minnesota's great creators of employment and wealth, providing work for more than 100,000 persons in production of products essential to victory in war and progress and prosperity in peace, and

WHEREAS, these forests attract visitors in increasing thousands for enjoyment of healthful recreation; provide shelter for wild life; and aid directly in maintenance of lake and stream levels and in prevention of floods, drought and soil erosion, and

WHEREAS, these forests are menaced constantly by fire, merciless enemy of all woodlands, and by other hazards created by human carelessness and neglect, and

WHEREAS, the control of fires and all other work for preservation of forests is especially difficult in time of war because of the shortage of manpower created by military and war industry demands,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J. THYE, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim a continuing and statewide movement to

"KEEP MINNESOTA GREEN"

and do urge that all citizens unite to prevent forest fires and in all ways to conserve and perpetuate our magnificent woodland resources, in a co-operative effort sponsored by a Keep Minnesota Green Committee of representatives of the government and people of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul this 9th day of May, 1944.

ATTEST:

Mike Holm
SECRETARY OF STATE

Edward J. Thye
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