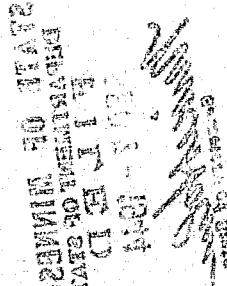


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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the oppressive, inhumanly cruel war machine of Nazi Dictatorship is being crushed by the courageous, determined armies of liberation and freedom, and

WHEREAS, we are grateful that the bloody battles in the European area are near an end, yet, we are mindful too, that the terrible war with Japan must still be won and the Nazi underground exterminated before total victory and lasting peace can come, and

WHEREAS, we thank God for the imminent armistice in Europe, yet, too, our prayers will be heavy with supplications of compassion and mercy for the dead, the maimed and for the living who are yet to suffer and die in the Pacific,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J. THYE, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that

EUROPEAN V-DAY

in Minnesota shall be the day Germany surrenders and that that day shall be dedicated to prayer and sober, appropriate observance.

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 8th day of September, 1944.

ATTEST:

Mark Stolten
SECRETARY OF STATE

Edward J. Thye
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