

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

W H E R E A S , twenty-seven years ago, on November 2, 1917, the Balfour Declaration provided for the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and

W H E R E A S , Jewish pioneers and Jewish capital streamed into Palestine with the result that the Holy Land has been transformed from a backward, swampy and forlorn wilderness into a thriving and progressive country and a bastion of democracy in the Middle East, and

W H E R E A S , the rise of Hitler was accompanied by the most ferocious and barbaric persecution of the Jews since the Middle Ages, and men of all races and religions lifted their voices in protest against the inhumanities which brought about the extermination of three to four million of these innocents when Hitler chose as his first victims, and

W H E R E A S , one of the most significant evidences of America's great heart and sympathetic understanding is the nation-wide reaction in the plight of the countless thousands of Jewish refugees who have been so cruelly uprooted in Europe and who can look to no other land but Palestine as a refuge and a haven in which to build their shattered lives,

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

Thursday, November 2, 1944,

as

"PALESTINE DAY"

and thus remind those who will be charged with the task of reconstructing a better world order out of the debris of this conflict that justice be done the Jews by establishing Palestine as a Jewish National Home in fulfillment of the promise of the Balfour Declaration.

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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 31st day of October, 1944.

Edward T. Page
GOVERNOR

SECRETARY
W. H. Johnson
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