

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

Grateful for the announcement that Germany has been forced to surrender,

Mindful of the many men who have given their lives in our fighting forces and the hardships suffered by the millions of people in all the lands devastated by war,

Appreciating, as all of us must, the grim battles that still must be fought and the lives that still must be sacrificed before Japan's cruel war machine is defeated,

I, EDWARD J. THYE, Governor, ask that the people of Minnesota observe V-E Day, as proclaimed by the President, in a spirit of prayer, thankful for the gains that have been made but remembering the sorrow and suffering the war has brought to so many, and dedicate ourselves anew to finishing the war in the Pacific as speedily as possible. I ask those in public offices to remain at their posts. I urge all persons producing vital necessities for our fighting men, whether in war plants or on the farms, to remain on their jobs without interruption and that all the people redouble their efforts in every way they can to back up our fighting forces.

This is no time for any let-down. This is no time for hilarious celebration. It would be more fitting for all of us to go to our churches for a time of prayer for the bereaved families of the men and women who have lost their lives in this war, for the millions of persons who have suffered unspeakable privations and finally for the men who are striving to bring the nations together in an organization that will prevent ever again the catastrophe of war.

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 May, 1945.

ATTEST:

W. Mitchell
SECRETARY OF STATE

Edward J. Thye

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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