

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Armistice Day Proclamation

On a November day in 1918, made forever memorable to millions of Americans by a high hope and a great faith, an armistice brought an end to a world war which had raged for four weary years. Victory had been won by peoples pledged to make secure the ideals of democracy and the cause of world peace.

Yet, scarcely a generation later, ruthless forces seeking to destroy and nullify these ideals again laid down a challenge that menaced the freedom of the world. Gallant sons of brave men who, like their fathers, knew there could be no armistice with these brutal and destructive forces, accepted that challenge, and have now carried the banners of democracy to complete victory.

It is fitting that in this year when peace has again been restored to our land, there should be a suitable recognition of the meaning and significance of Armistice Day, which by statutory provision is a legal holiday in this commonwealth to be commemorated in 1945 on Sunday, November 11, and which by its basic implications betokens the deep longing of all humanity for peace.

I call upon all Minnesota citizens to observe the day in grateful memory of those who made the first Armistice Day possible. I ask them to recognize the obligation we owe to our servicemen to build strong the society to which we rejoice that they are again returning, and toward whose development they have so much to give. And I urge particularly on this day a wonderful dedication to the unfinished task that remains--to aid in developing international institutions and principles capable of giving security and justice to every nation and of nurturing a will to peace on the part of all the peoples of the world.

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 6th day of November, 1945

*Edward J. Thye*  
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Attest:

*Mike Holzer*  
Secretary of State

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