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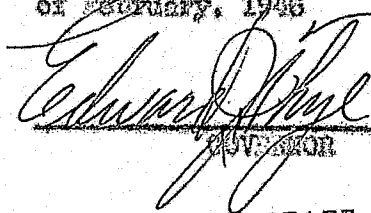
A Proclamation for Conservation of Vision

In the general development of health and public welfare, conservation of vision is a fundamental consideration, especially in view of the fact that as a result of accidents a large number of children and adults annually suffer the loss or impairment of vision. Science has demonstrated that seventy-five percent of all blindness is preventable by proper eye health, industrial safeguards and other preventive measures.


Recognizing these facts, various public and private agencies have made encouraging progress in conservation of vision. The Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness has been instrumental in conducting school surveys for the purpose of improving and safeguarding eyesight in children. A campaign of public information and a long-range program for the extension of education to conserve eyesight have been developed by the Minnesota Society for the prevention of Blindness and the Minnesota Safety Council, and a course of study in health education, which emphasizes conservation of vision and safety precautions in preventing accidental injuries to the eyes, has been developed by the Minnesota State Department of Education.

In proclaiming the week of March 24 to 30, 1946, as Conservation of Vision Week, I urge all citizens and interested agencies to co-ordinate their efforts with those of duly authorized officials directing health, education, labor, employment and welfare programs in developing proper attitudes, knowledge and information in safeguarding and protecting the eyesight of youths and adults, not only during this week but throughout the year.


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 11th day of February, 1946.


GOVERNOR

Attest:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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