

RESOLUTION

A Resolution for Conservation of Natural Resources

Minnesota, standing today on the eve of its centennial anniversary, has enjoyed nearly one hundred years of development and progress during which it has been singularly blessed with a rich endowment of natural resources of soil, forests, game, water, and wildlife.

The whole economy of this state rests upon these natural resources. Their intelligent conservation and development on the part of citizens thoroughly grounded by education, understanding, and sympathetic acceptance of their responsibility represent a major need and establish a mandate which we enthusiastically accept.

Utilization of our natural resources for several years has been governed by the necessities of war, but we recognize that postwar reconstruction and postwar economy will continue to depend upon our natural resources. Once again America is free to undertake a long-range conservation program. It is apparent that the position and prestige of the United States in this postwar world will depend in no small measure upon the way we utilize our forest, mineral, wildlife, soil, and water resources.

Therefore, in proclaiming the week of May 6 to 10, 1946 as Minnesota Conservation Week and ending, May 10, 1946 as Arbor and Bird Day, I urge all Minnesotans, as individuals and through the schools, public agencies, and organizations and groups concerned with conservation, to observe the week in appropriate recognition of the fact that our natural resources belong to all the people and all have a part in preserving and developing, as well as enjoying, them. I especially urge the planting of trees and the encouragement of an appreciation and understanding of wildlife.

BY SIGNING HERETO, 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 23rd day of February, 1946.

Charles A. Nelson

Governor

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Attest:

Mike Nolan

Secretary of State

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