

SEAL OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of Conservation of Vision Week

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the promotion of the health of the citizens is a prime function of the State, and that unimpaired vision is one of the most precious elements of good health, and

WHEREAS, scientific investigation has demonstrated that seventy-five per cent of all blindness is preventable by proper education, improved lighting, industrial safeguards and prompt and competent professional service. The Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision and the State Department of Education of Minnesota have developed immediate and long range programs for the improvement of the eye health of our people and the prevention of damaging eye accidents. By careful surveys, the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision has demonstrated the extent to which the oversight of school children requires corrective and therapeutic measures, and the importance of careful and scientific attention to the eyes of children, on the part of parents and teachers alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. YERGEN, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 23 to 29, 1947, as

"CONSERVATION OF VISION WEEK"

In proclaiming "Conservation of Vision Week", it is my purpose to focus the attention of employers and labor and of parents and teachers upon the need for better lighting in factories, shops and schools, and for more thorough enforcement of safety measures in industry, upon the farm and on the playground, and to awaken the interest of the public in general to the value of prompt resort to competent professional service in the case of eye disease and the correction of visual defects.

I hereby call the cooperation of all educational, civic and welfare agencies with the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision, the Minnesota Safety Council, and the State Department of Education of Minnesota, not only during "Conservation of Vision Week", but throughout the year, in furthering and implementing their programs to conserve the vision and promote the eye health of our citizens.

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 17th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the State the ninetieth.

Luther W. Yergens
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Walter Soler
SECRETARY OF STATE

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