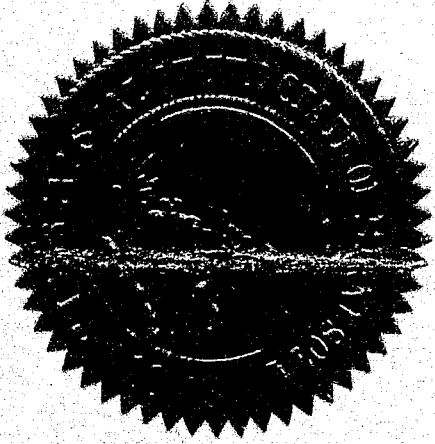


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State to be hereto  
affixed this 14th day of September,  
A. D., 1923.



*W. P. ...*  
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Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:

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Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.  
PROCLAMATION.

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In the year 1922 the lives of 15,000 American people were taken by fire. The property loss due to fire was equal to the cost of the Panama canal. The property loss in 1923 is greater than ever before recorded in a like period.

Most of this waste of life and property could be prevented with reasonable care. At a time when there is a shortage of houses and building material throughout the entire country, and when we have not yet recovered from the loss of property expended during the war, we can ill afford to waste the property annually destroyed by fire. Much less can we afford to lose the precious lives which fire claims.

THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate

OCTOBER 7 to 13

as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

I would earnestly urge that fire departments, boards of education, and other municipal bureaus, commercial clubs, parent-teacher associations, women's clubs, and other civic organizations, arrange educational exercises which will visualize this tremendous loss and bring to the attention of the public the need and the best methods of fire prevention.

I would strongly urge every resident of the state to participate in the observance and to cooperate by removing rubbish and eliminating fire hazards from their homes and places of business. I bespeak also the aid of the pulpit and press in urging the need of fire prevention.

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