

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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The period from Lincoln's to Washington's birthdays, February 12th to 22nd, has been proclaimed by the President of the United States as national defense week.

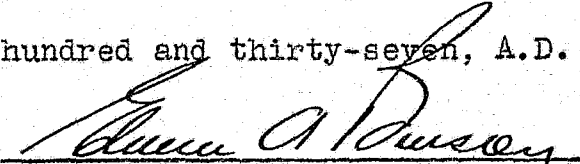
It is proper for us at a time when unrest is widespread over the world to make certain that our own country is safe from the menace of invasion. But let us not join other countries in their excessive and dangerous armaments race. Let us provide for defense but not offense.

As a nation with a great democratic heritage it is our duty to set an example for the rest of the world by reducing our battle-ships and military equipment to the lowest point consistent with safety. We are perhaps safer from invasion than any other country in the world. We need not arm ourselves to the teeth as is the fashion in Europe.

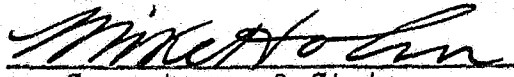
It is natural and necessary to be in a position to protect our homes, families, and businesses from a foreign aggressor. It is equally necessary to think in terms of peace and not in terms of war.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of Minnesota, proclaim the period between February twelfth and twenty-second as National Defense Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 11th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, A.D.


Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:


Secretary of State.

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