

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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P R O C L A M A T I O N

The approach of Memorial Day should remind us that only twenty short years ago this great nation was still engaged in a war that was fought on foreign shores - a war that was not ours. Thousands of brave young men died on the battle fields of France, and countless other thousands faced the remaining years of their lives broken in body and spirit and hopelessly handicapped in the struggle for existence.

Needless tragedy was visited upon millions of American homes by a war that solved nothing. And yet, our young men will not have died in vain if it can truthfully be said that we have learned our lesson.

We believed, twenty years ago, that we were fighting to preserve democracy throughout the civilized world, and it seemed fitting and proper to many of our leaders that the United States should take the lead in a struggle with this high purpose.

Today we know that the purposes of democracy were not served by our participation in the great war. Today dictatorships have made a mockery of the ideals we believed we were safeguarding. Today our course is clear. We must cherish and defend our own democracy and disregard those voices that would plunge us into a new and more disastrous conflict. Rather let us think on this Memorial Day of putting our own house in order by helping to build a greater state and a greater nation.

In order that the cause of peace may be served and that our citizens may reflect on the futility and misery of warfare, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate

Monday, May 30, 1938

as

MEMORIAL DAY

Let us on this memorable day decorate the graves of our war dead

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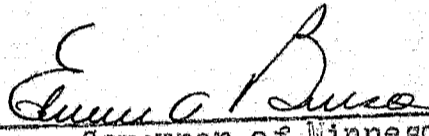
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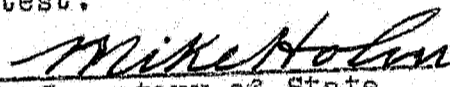
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and resolve to lend our hands and hearts to the creation of a better world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 27th day of May, 1938.

  
Governor of Minnesota

Attest:

  
Secretary of State

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MAY 27 1938

*W. H. Johnson*  
Secretary of State.