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MIKE HOLM.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota by Chapter 447, Session Laws, Minnesota, for 1923, entitled:

"An act proposing an amendment to Section 5, of Article 9, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota authorizing the state to place in and credit to the "Trunk Highway Fund" any or all excise taxes levied and collected on the business of selling or dealing in fluids used, or which can be used, for motor vehicle power purposes."

proposed to the legal voters of said state for their approval or rejection an amendment to section five (5) of Article nine (9) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota which section when amended shall read as follows:

"Section 5. For the purpose of defraying extraordinary expenditures, the state may contract public debts, but such debts shall never, in the aggregate, exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; every such debt shall be authorized by law, for some single object, to be distinctly specified therein; and no such law shall take effect until it shall have been passed by the vote of of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the legislature, to be recorded by yeas and nays on the journals of each house respectively; and every such law shall levy a tax annually suf-

ficient to pay the annual interest of such debt, and also a tax sufficient to pay the principal of such debt within ten years from the final passage of such law, and shall specially appropriate the proceeds of such taxes to the payment of such principal and interest; and such appropriation and taxes shall not be repealed, postponed, or diminished, until the principal and interest of such debt shall have been wholly paid. The state shall never contract any debts for works of internal improvements, or be a party in carrying on such works, except as authorized by section 16 of Article 9, and by Article 16 of this Constitution, but it may levy an excise tax upon any substance, material, fluid, force or other means or instrumentality, or the business of dealing in, selling or producing any or all thereof, used or useful, in producing or generating power for propelling motor or other vehicles used on the public highways of this State, and shall place the proceeds of such tax in the Trunk Highway Fund provided for in Section 2 of said Article 16, and further except in cases where grants of land or other property shall have been made to the state, especially dedicated by the grant to specific purposes, and in such cases the state shall devote thereto the avails of such grants, and may pledge or appropriate the revenues derived from such works in aid of their completion."

AND WHEREAS, Said Legislature by Chapter 451 of the Session Laws of Minnesota for 1923, entitled:

"An act proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota permitting the state and its political subdivisions, when authorized by the legislature, to contract debts and pledge the public credit for and to engage in work reasonably tending to prevent or abate forest fires, including the compulsory clearing and improvement of wild lands (whether belonging to the public or privately owned) and the assessment against such lands of the value of all benefits so conferred and the payment of damages so sustained in excess of such benefits."

proposed to the legal voters of said state for their approval or rejection an amendment to be known as Article 17 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, which Article shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 17

"Section 1. The state and (or) any of its political subdivisions, if and whenever authorized by the legislature, may contract debts and pledge the public credit for and engage in any work reasonably tending to prevent or abate forest fires, including the compulsory clearing and improvement of wild lands (whether belonging to the public or privately owned) and the assessment against such lands of the value of all benefits so con-

ferred and the payment of damages so sustained in excess of such benefits.

Section 2. Any and all provisions of the constitution of the state of Minnesota inconsistent with the provisions of this article, are hereby repealed, so far, but only so far, as the same prohibit or limit the power of the legislature to enact laws authorizing or permitting the doing of the things hereinbefore authorized."

AND WHEREAS, It appears from the official canvass of the votes cast at the last general election held in the State of Minnesota, on the fourth day of November, 1924, for and against the aforesaid Constitutional Amendments, made in conformity with the law, that a majority of all the electors voting at such election voted for the adoption of these amendments;

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the power vested in me, and in compliance with the law, do hereby publish and proclaim that the proposed amendment to Section five (5) of Article nine (9), and the proposed amendment to be known as Article 17 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota has each been ratified and adopted in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and the laws of this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this first day of December, 1924.

J. A. O. PREUS,
Governor.

Attest:

MIKE HOLM,
Secretary of State.