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**STATE of MINNESOTA**

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**FIFTY-FIRST SESSION**  
OF THE  
**STATE LEGISLATURE**

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MIKE HOLM.

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS by the enactment of Chapter 492, Laws of 1937, the Legislature proposed an amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota for the approval or rejection of the electors of the State at the recent election held on the eighth day of November, 1938, which amendment reads as follows:

“Section 1. That the following amendment to Article 8 of the constitution of the State of Minnesota is hereby proposed to legal voters of this state for their approval or their rejection, which amendment when so approved shall constitute a new section and be known as Section 8, of said Article 8, and shall read as follows:

‘Section 8. Any of the public lands of the state, including lands held in trust for any purpose, may, with the unanimous approval of a commission consisting of the governor, the attorney general and the state auditor, be exchanged for lands of the United States and/or privately owned lands in such manner as the legislature may provide, and the lands so acquired shall be subject to the trust, if any, to which the lands exchanged therefor were subject, and the state shall reserve all mineral and water power rights in lands so transferred by the state.’

“Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this state for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1938, as is now provided by law for submission of amendments to the constitution of this State, and the secretary of state shall

place this proposed amendment as No. 1 on the official ballot, and each of the legal voters of the state may at said election vote by ballot for or against said amendment; and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time and such votes be canvassed and the result thereof declared, in the manner provided by law, and if it shall appear thereupon that a majority of all the electors voting at said election have voted for and ratified said proposed amendment, the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and the amendment shall take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

“Sec. 3. The ballots used at such election on said proposed amendment shall have printed thereon: ‘Amendment of Article 8 of the Constitution, Authorizing the Exchange of Public Lands of the State for Lands of the United States and other privately owned lands, as the Legislature May Provide “Yes . . . . No . . . .”’ Each elector voting upon such proposed amendment shall place a cross mark, thus ‘X’, in a space to be left on the ballot opposite the words ‘Yes’ and ‘No’, accordingly as he may wish to vote for or against said amendment, and his vote shall be counted in accordance with the expressed will of such elector as provided by the election laws of this state.”

AND WHEREAS it appears from the official canvass of the votes cast at the said election held on November 8, 1938, for and against the aforesaid proposed amendment, made in conformity with the law that the majority of all electors voting at such election voted for its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me and in compliance with law, do hereby publish and proclaim that said proposed amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, has been ratified and adopted as prescribed by the constitution and laws of the State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this 8th day of November, 1938.

ELMER A. BENSON,  
Governor of Minnesota.

(Great Seal)

Attest:

MIKE HOLM,  
Secretary of State.