

Proclaim and Celebrate the Law against War!

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Kellogg Briand Proclamation: On Aug 21 at 3:30 p.m., St Paul City Council member David Thune, who represents the district that the Frank Kellogg house is in, will be introducing a Proclamation recognizing the 85th anniversary of the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact outlawing war. This pact was engineered by then U.S. Secretary of State Frank Kellogg, the only Minnesotan to have won the Nobel Peace Prize, an award for his efforts in making this international and U.S. law. The law is still in effect today and remains open to any country that wishes to sign on.



The house built for Frank B. Kellogg, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1929, still stands on Fairmount Avenue in St. Paul.

Photo: National Historic Register

Although the Proclamation is expected to pass in the City Council, it is desirable to have the peace community's presence for support when the vote comes up at City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Blvd in downtown St. Paul, City Council Chambers, third floor. A Press Conference will follow.

Additionally, people are encouraged to sign a national online petition to establish an August 27 holiday every year by googling "Create a Peace Pact Holiday."

Celebration: On August 27, during a celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact, the Proclamation will be presented to the current residents of Frank B. Kellogg House, which is a designated National Historic Landmark and is

located at 633 Fairmount Ave in the Crocus Hill neighborhood of St. Paul. Signed petitions calling to establish a national holiday to be observed on August 27 each year will be given to staff members from the offices of Minnesota Congresspersons Keith Ellison and Betty McCollum. A social gathering begins at 6:30 p.m., and the program starts at 7:00 p.m., which will include speakers, music and poetry. Light refreshments will be served, and this event is free of charge. WAMM members are invited—however, there are limited spaces. Reservations need to be made by contacting Steve at 612-869-2040 or vfpchapter27@gmail.com.