

SINGING PATRIOTIC SONGS IN THE SCHOOLS— A PROCLAMATION

One of the great unifying, nationalizing influences is the singing of our National songs. Nothing so arouses and fixes a sound and patriotic sentiment as the teaching of these songs to our children and the singing of these songs by our children.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and because I deem it especially appropriate at this time, I suggest that the week of February 19-23 be set aside as a week for the singing of National songs in the public and private schools of Illinois. It is desired that a special time be set aside on each day for the singing of the following songs and hymns:

“America”

“Star Spangled Banner”

“Hail, Columbia”

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

“Battle Cry of Peace [Freedom]”

“Illinois”

(SEAL)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I,
FRANK O. LOWDEN, do hereunto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State this ninth day of
February, A. D. 1917.

FRANK O. LOWDEN

Governor

By the Governor:

LOUIS L. EMMERSON

Secretary of State.