



Proclamation

WHEREAS: we Americans hold freedom as our birthright, cherishing it as the basic condition to our way of life; and

WHEREAS: our freedom was won in the agony of conflict and has been preserved for 200 years through the willingness of gallant Americans - men and women - to risk their lives for the perpetuation of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS: there are 487,000 men and women in all walks of life today here in Minnesota who have served our country with honor and valor in time of war; and

WHEREAS: these veterans - in the finest tradition of the Minuteman who took up arms 200 years ago - answered our country's call in time of war and pledged their "lives . . . fortunes . . . and sacred honor" to retain for all of us the freedoms which the Minuteman's service established; and

WHEREAS: the services performed by these gallant Minnesotans have demonstrated the unselfish willingness of our nation, and our State, to meet the challenge of those forces wishing to subjugate through armed conflict the cause of individual determination; and

WHEREAS: it is fitting and proper that a day be set aside to honor our veterans in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby call upon all citizens of Minnesota to observe Tuesday, November 11, 1975 as

VETERANS DAY

and ask that the day be observed with appropriate ceremonies in recognition of those who served our nation with honor during time of war.

I further call upon citizens and business firms to mark this day with the proud display of the Flag of the United States and the State of Minnesota in reaffirmation of our national unity and pride and in rededication of our national ideals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-five and of the State the one hundred seventeenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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