



Proclamation

WHEREAS: General John W. Vessey, Jr. has completed a long and distinguished career in the army of the United States; and

WHEREAS: General Vessey is the only native of Minnesota to be named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

WHEREAS: General Vessey is affectionately known as "A Soldier's Soldier", having risen in rank from private in the Minnesota National Guard to Four-Star General; and

WHEREAS: General Vessey has experienced considerable combat duty, and has received many decorations, including the award of the Purple Heart Medal, in defense of his country; and

WHEREAS: The General E.W. Rawlings Chapter of the Air Force Association, and other patriotic organizations and citizens of Minnesota are gathered in Bloomington, Minnesota in his honor and in honor of all the veterans in our great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 10 to be

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR. DAY

in Minnesota and wish him good health and a happy retirement.

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 thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

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