



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The United States of America was founded upon the premises that all citizens should enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty; and
- WHEREAS: The freedom and liberty that Americans enjoy, longed for by people around the world, are the direct result of the many sacrifices made by America's veterans; and
- WHEREAS: Many Minnesotans have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom; and
- WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper that we recognize the courageous efforts of our veterans who have sacrificed to secure freedom and liberty for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have adopted the poppy as their commemorative symbol; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, disabled veterans assemble and distribute memorial poppies, creating a tangible tribute to honor our nation's fallen heroes, and benefit living veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016, as:

## POPPY MONTH

in the state of Minnesota.



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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE