



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Women have served patriotically in defense of our Nation, starting with the Revolutionary War and including WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, The Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
- WHEREAS: More than 23,000 Minnesota women have served our State and Nation in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS: More than 15 percent of our Nation's Armed Forces are women; and
- WHEREAS: Women served in the military long before they could vote; and
- WHEREAS: Since WWII, women have served in such military capacities as: Women Air Force Service Pilots, administrators, doctors and nurses, medical technicians, drivers, aviators, gunners, mechanics, supply technicians, in intelligence and communications and many other technical fields; and
- WHEREAS: Women have been killed in action and taken as prisoners of war; and
- WHEREAS: It is right and proper to honor, remember, and thank these patriots for their service and sacrifice, because "women were there too."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 14, 2016, as:

MINNESOTA WOMEN VETERANS DAY

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 31st day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE