



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On December 1, 1941, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was created to aid in the national defense of the United States should the country become involved in World War II; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol was chartered as the organization to provide this service in the state, and the first Civil Air Patrol cadets in the nation were recruited in Minnesota in 1942; and
- WHEREAS: Civil Air Patrol personnel performed critical duties while service men and women in critical positions were deployed overseas; and
- WHEREAS: Two Minnesota members, Captain George Main and Lt. William (Bill) Haier were among the 65 volunteers that died in active CAP service during World War II; and
- WHEREAS: Congress and the President of the United States approved a Congressional Gold Medal for the Civil Air Patrol's actions during World War II; and
- WHEREAS: In the years since World War II, Civil Air Patrol has continued to perform missions for Minnesota in search and rescue, disaster relief, and homeland security; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Wing aircrews operate 22 light aircraft in the state to perform these missions; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Wing conducts a youth leadership cadet program that builds future leaders for Minnesota and the nation, and also provides aerospace education to its members and the general public, and serves at aerospace educational events throughout the State; and
- WHEREAS: Civil Air Patrol is celebrating 75 years of Service to Minnesota on December 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 1, 2016, as:

CIVIL AIR PATROL 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 18th day of November.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE