



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Americans across the country are preparing to kick-off the four-year World War II Anniversary Commemoration from October 18, 2016 to September 2, 2020; and
- WHEREAS: America's sons and daughters, friends and neighbors – 16 million strong – fought on the battlefield to preserve freedom and more than 400,000 sacrificed their lives; and
- WHEREAS: At home, the entire nation united around a common purpose to support the troops and win the war; and
- WHEREAS: This year marks the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, where Minnesotans aboard the USS Ward, sighted and destroyed a Japanese mini-submarine, thus firing the first shots by Americans in World War II; and
- WHEREAS: Unity, integrity, duty, courage, and sacrifice comprise the legacy of World War II and the "Greatest Generation" of which four percent of over 369,000 living veterans call Minnesota home; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans consistently demonstrate their potential when united in spirit, purpose and commitment to a common and noble cause; and
- WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize and honor America's Greatest Generation who, through sacrifice, valor, dedication and determination, courageously defended our nation and preserved our freedom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Wednesday December 7, 2016, as:

WORLD WAR II 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION 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 12th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE