



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Women have served in patriotic defense of our Nation, starting with the Revolutionary War through 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: Since WWII, women have served in various military capacities such as: Air Force service pilots, doctors and nurses, medical technicians, drivers, aviators, gunners, mechanics, administrators, supply technicians, intelligence and communications, and many other technical fields; 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: Women have been killed in action and taken as prisoners of war; and
- WHEREAS: It is important 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 Thursday, May 18, 2017, 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 12th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE