



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Korean War began as 75,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel on June 25, 1950; and
- WHEREAS: The invasion by Soviet-backed North Korea of the U.S.-supported South Korea is considered the first military action of the Cold War; and
- WHEREAS: By July 1950, American troops entered the war with 16 nations supplying troops as part of United Nations Resolution 84, and
- WHEREAS: The 1950 UN Offensive began on September 15, as an American-led amphibious invasion of Inchon ultimately routed the North Korean Army, relieving pressure on the Naktong Perimeter; and
- WHEREAS: Bitter fighting continued for the next two-and-a-half years with Chinese involvement by late October 1950, tipping the scales on several fronts; and
- WHEREAS: In mid-July of 1953, an armistice agreement was negotiated, ending military actions following by nearly a year of prisoner exchanges; and
- WHEREAS: Over 5 million lost their lives during the war, which still divides the Korean Peninsula today; and
- WHEREAS: Nearly 1.8 million Americans served in the Korean theater of operations, including 94,964 Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Many years after the first troop ships left for foreign soil, we pay tribute to the fallen, the missing, the wounded, and millions who served during what we now call a forgotten war.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 15, 2017, as:

MINNESOTA KOREAN WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 15th day of September.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR