

## STATE of MINNESOTA

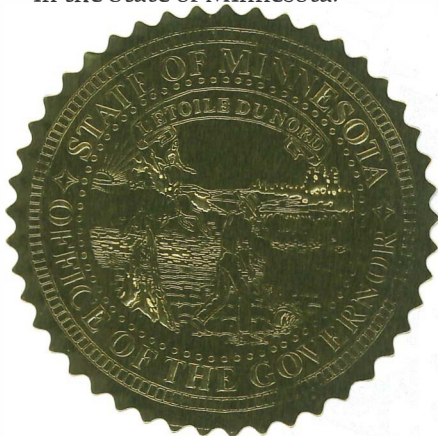
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The American Legion was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919, as a wartime veterans organization; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has recognized September 16, as American Legion Day since the year 2010; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion is based on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion has become a preeminent community-service organization, now serving nearly 2 million members—men and women; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion has over 14,000 posts worldwide providing a variety of programs that support the four pillars and benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America, and its citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The members of The American Legion are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans; and
- WHEREAS: American Legion Day provides an opportunity to recognize Legionnaires throughout Minnesota for their many contributions to our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 16, 2017, as:

## THE AMERICAN LEGION 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE