



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Radioman Second Class Quentin Gifford was raised in Mankato and joined the U.S. Navy in 1938; and
- WHEREAS: Gifford died, at the age of 22, aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma after the ship sustained multiple torpedo hits during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941; and
- WHEREAS: Gifford has been interred in the Punchbowl Veterans Cemetery in Hawaii since his death; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Navy was able to identify Gifford's remains in 2017, because of advances in DNA analysis and other identification techniques; and
- WHEREAS: After 76 years, Gifford will be buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on May 12, 2018; and
- WHEREAS: Today, Minnesotans and all Americans express their gratitude and thanks to Radioman Second Class Quentin Gifford for his service and sacrifice to our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 12, 2018, as:

## QUENTIN GIFFORD 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE