

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Women have served with patriotism in defense of our Nation, starting with the

Revolutionary War, and including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the War in Vietnam, the Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom, and

Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS: More than 25,000 Minnesota women have served our State and Nation in the

Armed Forces; 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: Since World War II, women have served in such military capacities as: pilots,

administrators, doctors, and nurses, medical technicians, drivers, aviators, gunners, mechanics, supply technicians, intelligence and communications, and

many other technical fields; and

WHEREAS: Women have been killed in action and taken as prisoners of war; and

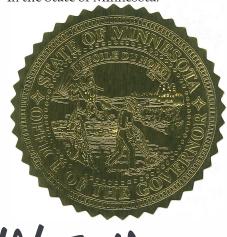
WHEREAS: It is right and proper to honor, remember, and thank these patriots for their

service and sacrifice, because "women were there too."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 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 8^{th} day of June.

GOVERNOR