



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by The United States Congress in 1919, and is the nation's largest wartime veteran service organization; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth, sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continuing its dedication to our service members and veterans; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion was the architect of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, the GI Bill, and the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion and the American Legion Auxillary presented a founding donation to the American Heart Association in 1946, helping to found a nationwide program for the study, prevention, and treatment of rheumatic heart disease, and continues to work closely with the Minnesota Heart Association on crucial research initiatives; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion Department of Minnesota, in partnership with the University of Minnesota and the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, funds a research chair for further in-depth study of brain disease; and
- WHEREAS: American Legion Baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues in the country, and the American Legion Department of Minnesota has sponsored many baseball players who went on to be inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame; and
- WHEREAS: The inaugural Convention of The American Legion was held November 10-12, 1919 in The Great State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Great State of Minnesota will host this year's National Convention of The American Legion, on August 24-30, 2018, and thus launch the organization's year-long Centennial Celebration; and
- WHEREAS: The 2018 National Convention will once again make history with the first female National Commander, Denise H. Rohan, as President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 24-30, 2018 as:

THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEK

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 24th day of August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE