



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is conducting its 98th year of volunteer service to America; and
- WHEREAS: Year after year, the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and
- WHEREAS: The Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports the troops currently deployed in the War on Terrorism; and
- WHEREAS: More than 520,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and
- WHEREAS: Members volunteer nearly two million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and
- WHEREAS: The Ladies Auxiliary provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and
- WHEREAS: The 2011-2012 National President, Gwendolyn Rankin, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, "Step Up - Leave No Veteran Behind;" and
- WHEREAS: From April 19-23, 2012, President Rankin will visit Minnesota to spread this message.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 21st, 2012 as:

LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND DAY

in the State of Minnesota, in honor of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for their outstanding service to veterans and their families, the State of Minnesota, and the United States of America.



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 16th day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE