

STATE *of* MINNESOTA

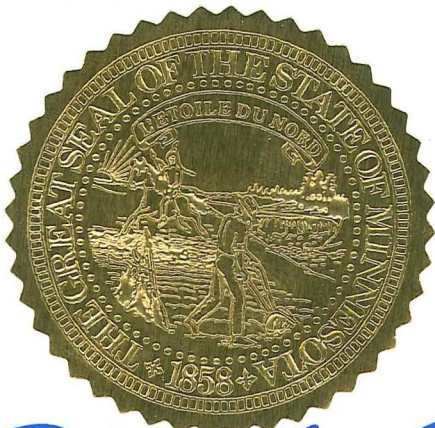
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: 2012 – 2013 marks the sesquicentennial of the Vicksburg Campaign of the American Civil War; and
- WHEREAS: The Vicksburg Campaign is considered by many historians to be the most decisive campaign of the Civil War, and one of the most decisive campaigns ever waged in American military history; and
- WHEREAS: In testament thereof, the United States Congress established the battlefield at Vicksburg as a National Military Park in 1899; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota was represented during the Vicksburg Campaign by the gallant officers and men who comprised the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Minnesota Infantry Regiments and the 1st Minnesota Light Artillery Battery; and
- WHEREAS: In recognition of their service, on May 24, 1907, the State of Minnesota erected a memorial on the grounds of Vicksburg Military Park; and
- WHEREAS: The Honorable John Albert Johnson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, dedicated the state's memorial on May 24, 1907, as tribute to the courage and service of her noble sons and the sacrifices made by their families and communities throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS: May 1, 2013 has been designated "Minnesota Day" at the Vicksburg National Military Park and park staff will honor the memory of Minnesotans involved in the Vicksburg Campaign by laying a wreath at the Minnesota memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2013 as:

MINNESOTA COURAGE AT VICKSBURG DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



A blue ink signature of the Secretary of State, written in a cursive style.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 19th day of April.

A black ink signature of Mark Dayton, written in a cursive style.
GOVERNOR