



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The United States of America was founded upon the premise that all citizens should enjoy the blessings and freedom of liberty; and
- WHEREAS: The freedom and liberty that Americans enjoy, longed for by people the world over, are the direct result of the many sacrifices made by America's veterans in securing these blessings; and
- WHEREAS: Many Minnesotans have made the supreme sacrifice in defense of the cause of freedom; and
- WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper that we recognize the courageous efforts of our veterans who have sacrificed to secure freedom and liberty for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS: The American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have adopted the poppy as their commemorative symbol; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, disabled veterans assemble and distribute memorial poppies, creating a tangible tribute to honor our nation's fallen heroes and benefit living veterans and their families.

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

## POPPY MONTH

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE