

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The United States Congress has designated March 25<sup>th</sup> each year as National Medal of Honor Day, the day the first Medal of Honor was presented in 1862; and
- WHEREAS: Since the Civil War, brave men and women from the State of Minnesota have answered the call to defend and protect the freedoms we hold dear and several have gone beyond this call to duty, risking injury and loss of life, to distinguish themselves as heroes; and
- WHEREAS: The Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award for valor in action against an enemy force, has been awarded to more than 3,400 service members, 55 of these heroes are associated with the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: This distinguished group includes Capt. Charles Lindbergh for display of courage during his 1927 nonstop flight from New York to Paris in the Spirit of St. Louis, Capt. Richard Fleming for extraordinary heroism above and beyond the call of duty during the battle of Midway in 1942, Michael Colalillo for bravery during World War II, and Leo Thorsness for heroism and self-sacrifice during the Vietnam War; and
- WHEREAS: The people of the State of Minnesota are forever grateful for the brave service members from this state who have received this prestigious honor and to all service members who have served and continue to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as:

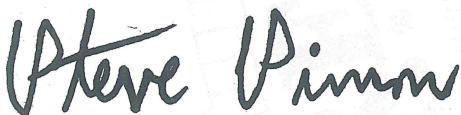
## MINNESOTA MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

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

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE