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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a salute to nearly 20 million living men and women who served in the endless ranks of patriots, in peace and war, for duty, honor, and country, and

WHEREAS, the more than 465,000 veterans in Minnesota, with their dependents, comprise almost half of our state population, and

WHEREAS, the veteran stands for peace, because he fought for it; he stands for courage, because he stood tall in the face of danger; he stands for faith, because he returned in confidence to work to raise a family, to participate in the affairs of the Republic as a full citizen, and

WHEREAS, he is a patriot, born free in a land of plenty, seeking to right the wrong he finds, working to better his life and that of his fellow man. He is an American, and he speaks the word with reverence and respect, knowing full well that he walks not in the lock-step of tyranny but with the vigorous stride of a free man who has measured the opportunity that is his and is using it, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States declared November 11 as a legal holiday and designated it as Veterans Day to honor all Veterans,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 11, 1970, as

VETERANS DAY

in Minnesota and urge all citizens to observe this day in appropriate ceremonies expressive of our peoples desire for peace and their gratitude to our veterans who have served, continuing the sacrifice to attain peace. I call upon local officials to display the flags of the United States and the State of Minnesota in all public buildings in tribute to those who, disregarding personal safety, have contributed so much to the preservation of our liberty and the American way of life.

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 Capital this fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the State, the one hundred thirteenth.

Joseph P. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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