

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Donsie W. Willis carried the burden of a dishonorable discharge from the United States Army for 66 of his 87 years; and

WHEREAS: the United States Army at last admitted its mistake and awarded Donsie W. Willis the long-overdue document attesting to "service, honest and faithful" to his country; and

WHEREAS: this apology was gratefully and gracefully accepted by Donsie W. Willis, but can never lessen 66 years of denial resulting from his dishonorable discharge; and

WHEREAS: all of us feel a sense of guilt that such gross miscarriages of justice can happen in the United States; and

WHEREAS: the character, perseverance and courage of Donsie W. Willis gave him strength through years of struggle; and

WHEREAS: these admirable qualities have been a source of inspiration to his friends and more recently, to people everywhere, who now know the story of Donsie W. Willis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 19, 1973 to be

DORSIE W. WILLIS DAY

In 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 nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State, the one hundred fiftieth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
GOVERNOR

*Arden J. Edall*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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