



Proclamation

for Sec of State's file

WHEREAS: John Raymond Sullivan attended Cathedral High School in Duluth and was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy from Minnesota in 1914; and

WHEREAS: for more than three decades his Navy assignments included service with the Asiatic Fleet, duty on destroyers, battleships and the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, and two years as an Instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS: in 1942, Captain John Raymond Sullivan assumed command of the USS Crescent City and made eight voyages into enemy-controlled waters of the Solomon Islands and for this tour of duty, was awarded the Gold Star representing the Third Legion of Merit; and

WHEREAS: in the Fall of 1943, John Raymond Sullivan was assigned to the Third Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet and was awarded the Commendation Ribbon and the Legion of Merit for "aiding materially in the planning and seizure of Treasury Island, Cape Torokina on Bougainville, Green and Emirau Islands...contributing to the defeat of the enemy in the South Pacific campaign..."; and

WHEREAS: John Raymond Sullivan was awarded a second Gold Star representing the second Legion of Merit for his services in the..."successful assaults on enemy installations in the Palau Islands and on Leyte and Luzon, Philippine Islands"; and

WHEREAS: in September 1945, John Raymond Sullivan, as Assistant Director of Operational Readiness at the Headquarters of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, witnessed Japan's surrender in Tokyo Bay and in 1948, assumed command of the Naval Receiving Station, Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS: in May 1949, John Raymond Sullivan was retired with the rank of Rear Admiral; and

WHEREAS: Admiral Sullivan also wears the Victory Medal with Escort Clasp, the American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim Friday, July 16 to be

ADMIRAL JOHN RAYMOND SULLIVAN DAY

in Minnesota, and join the alumni of Duluth Cathedral High School in honoring one our state's truly great heroes.

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 thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson #29729

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Wendell R. Anderson
Secretary of State

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