



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is the oldest American veterans organization, with its roots extending back to the end of the Spanish-American War; and*

WHEREAS: *since that time, the organization has grown to a membership of over 1.8 million members and has played a vital role in winning for America's veterans a greater recognition of what its citizens owe to those who have so proudly served; and*

WHEREAS: *its motto, "To Honor the Dead by Helping the Living", best expresses the compassion and dedication felt by all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and*

WHEREAS: *the many community service programs sponsored by this organization continue to remind all of us of our duties of citizenship and service to this great nation; and*

WHEREAS: *the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States have selected the State of Minnesota for the site of their 78th Annual Convention, just as they did in 1918, 1929, 1962 and 1972;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 22 through August 26, 1977 as

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to observe this week in appropriate recognition of our sincere gratitude for the members of this organization, and join with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in their desire for lasting peace.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jean Anderson Shreve
Secretary of State

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 fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Shreve
SECRETARY OF STATE