



Proclamation

WHEREAS: General John J. Pershing organized, trained and led the American Expeditionary Force, following the declaration of war against Germany in 1917; and

WHEREAS: within 13 months he had produced an Army of two million strong, whose elements in 200 days of battle decisively defeated German troops hardened by four years of war; and

WHEREAS: November 11, 1918 is the 59th anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War I; and

WHEREAS: John J. Pershing, as Commanding General of the A.E.F., was primarily responsible for America's victories;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 11, 1977 to be

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING DAY

in Minnesota, concurrently with Armistice Day, and urge all citizens to pay tribute to this great man who changed the course of history, and has the distinction of being the only American to have achieved the grade of General of the Armies.

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 second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

Rudy Perpich

GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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