



Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the Flying Tigers is a veterans organization of flyers and personnel of the 14th Army Air Force; and*

WHEREAS: *this unit became famous for its part in defending Chinese-American bases in China during World War II; and*

WHEREAS: *led by General Claire L. Chennault, the Flying Tigers bravely maintained a lifeline to China during the invasion by Japanese forces; and*

WHEREAS: *the 14th Air Force Association, Inc. will convene in Duluth and on the Iron Range with such honored guests as Nationalist China Ambassador, James Shan, Madam Anne Chennault, General T. Alan Bennett and former presidential advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Thomas Corcoran;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 28, 1978 to be

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in Minnesota, and commend all veterans of the Flying Tigers for their dedication and heroism.

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 twenty-fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Grane
SECRETARY OF STATE