



Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING BENEFITS TO THE 30 MILLION MEN AND WOMEN VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES; AND

WHEREAS: THE BIRTH OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ON JULY 21, 19³80 ASSURED EFFICIENT CARE AND SERVICES FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS THROUGH THE DEPRESSION YEARS WITH INCREASED PENSIONS TO SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCES TO MILLIONS OF WORLD WAR I VETERANS; AND

WHEREAS: THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, AFTER WORLD WAR II, ADMINISTERED THE GI BILL, ENABLING 7.8 MILLION VETERANS TO PURSUE TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AND 5,729,000 TO OBTAIN HOME LOANS; AND

WHEREAS: AT THE END OF THE KOREAN AND VIETNAM CONFLICTS, THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED TO ADMINISTER GI BILLS FOR EDUCATION, HOME LOANS, DISABILITY REHABILITATION AND MEDICAL CARE; AND

WHEREAS: THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TODAY, AS IN THE PAST 50 YEARS, MAKES SURE EVERY VETERAN RECEIVES ALL THE BENEFITS TO WHICH HE OR SHE IS SO RIGHTFULLY ENTITLED;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 20, 1980 TO BE

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION DAY

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO REFLECT UPON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR STATE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD.

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