



Proclamation

EAS: SEEING THE NEED FOR A FACILITY TO CARE FOR TRAVELING MILITARY PERSONNEL PASSING THROUGH THE MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PRIVATE CITIZENS, HEADED BY MRS. J. THOMAS PURDUM OF WAYZATA, ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS SERVICE AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION, ESTABLISHED THE SERVICEMEN'S CENTER; AND

EAS: THE CENTER WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED NOVEMBER 22, 1970, AND HAS REMAINED OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, PROVIDING AT NO CHARGE, A COMPLETE SNACK AND BEVERAGE SERVICE, AN ATTRACTIVE MAIN LOUNGE, GAME ROOM, AND SLEEPING ACCOMODATIONS FOR THOSE REMAINING OVERNIGHT; AND

EAS: MORE THAN 195,000 MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL HAVE USED THIS SERVICE DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, AND AN AVERAGE OF 50 PERSONS MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES EACH DAY; AND

EAS: THE CENTER IS ATTENDED BY VOLUNTEERS OPERATING ON SIX FOUR HOUR SHIFTS WITH AT LEAST TWO VOLUNTEERS ON EACH SHIFT. THESE VOLUNTEERS ARE A PART OF A 300 PERSON VOLUNTEER POOL; AND

EAS: THE CENTER IS NOT FUNDED BY ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY, UNITED FUND, NOR U.S.O., BUT OPERATES TOTALLY ON THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY, FRATERNAL AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AND AUXILIARIES, ALONG WITH DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS. SPACE IS PROVIDED BY THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION; AND

EAS: ALL THIS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA DEDICATED TO THE PRIMARY MISSION OF "SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE";

THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY CLAIM THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH 22, 1980 TO BE

S E R V I C E M E N ' S C E N T E R R E C O G N I T I O N W E E K

RECOGNITION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY WEEK OF THE SERVICEMEN'S CENTER, INC. MINNESOTA.

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

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