



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: ON FEBRUARY 3, 1943, THE S. S. DORCHESTER WAS TORPEDOED BY A NAZI SUBMARINE IN THE WATERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC; AND

WHEREAS: MANY OF THE 900 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN ABOARD THE DORCHESTER WERE KILLED INSTANTLY AND OTHERS WERE DIRECTED TO LIFEBOATS AND GIVEN LIFE JACKETS; AND

WHEREAS: FOUR U.S. ARMY CHAPLAINS WERE ABOARD THE SHIP AND SACRIFICED THEIR LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT TO SAVE THE LIVES OF FOUR YOUNG SOLDIERS; AND

WHEREAS: THESE FOUR CHAPLAINS, OF FOUR DIFFERENT FAITHS, LOST THEIR LIVES IN ORDER TO SAVE OTHERS; AND

WHEREAS: ON FEBRUARY 3, 1951, PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN DEDICATED THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS TO THE MEMORIES OF METHODIST CHAPLAIN GEORGE L. FOX, ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN JOHN P. WASHINGTON, JEWISH CHAPLAIN ALEXANDER D. GOODE, AND DUTCH REFORMED CHAPLAIN CLARK V. POLING, TO HONOR THE SELFLESS SERVICE OF THESE MEN AS THEY SERVED ONE GOD AND THEIR FELLOW MAN; AND

WHEREAS: ON FEBRUARY 1, 1981 THE AMERICAN LEGION IS CELEBRATING "FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1981 TO BE

### FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

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

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