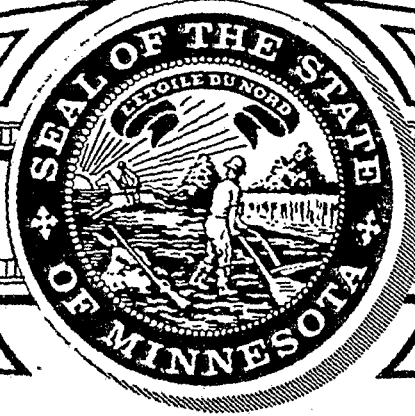


STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

WHEREAS: MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION YOUNG AMERICANS, AND OVER 190,000 MINNESOTANS ANSWERED THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL TO ARMS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR; AND

WHEREAS: THE NATURE OF THE WAR IN WHICH THEY SERVED LEFT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEEPLY DIVIDED OVER THE VALUE OF THE SERVICES RENDERED TO THEIR COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS: MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, UPON THEIR RETURN FROM SERVICE, FOUND THEMSELVES SCORNFUL BY THEIR PEERS AND NEGLECTED BY OTHER AMERICANS, ADDING REJECTION TO THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL AGONY OF THE WAR IN WHICH THEY SERVED; AND

WHEREAS: THESE AMERICAN VETERANS HAVE SUFFERED APPRECIABLY DUE TO A LACK OF RECOGNITION FOR THEIR SERVICE, WHICH WAS AS VALUABLE AND HONORABLE AS THAT OF ANY OTHER AMERICAN VETERAN; AND

WHEREAS: THESE MEN AND WOMEN VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR DESERVE HONOR AND RECOGNITION FROM THEIR NATION AND STATE;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1981 TO BE

VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I CALL UPON CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG ON THIS SPECIAL DAY, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SPECIAL OBSERVANCES ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAYING A LONG OVERDUE "THANK YOU" AND "WELCOME HOME" TO THOSE AMERICANS WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY WITH HONOR AND DIGNITY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF HONOR

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MAY - 7 1981

Secretary of State

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