



Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE BATAAN "DEATH MARCH", WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE PHILLIPINE ISLANDS DURING WORLD WAR II, WAS ONE OF THE CRUELEST ACTS COMMITTED AGAINST U.S. FIGHTING MEN WHO FELL INTO ENEMY HANDS; AND

WHEREAS: BECAUSE OF THE MARCH'S BARBARIC NATURE WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY EVEN MORE INHUMAN TREATMENT IN JAPANESE PRISON CAMPS, ONLY 20% OF THE 75,000 AMERICAN AND FILIPINO SOLDIERS WHO WERE CAPTURED WITH THE FALL OF THE BATAAN PENINSULA SURVIVED THE THREE YEARS BETWEEN APRIL OF 1942 AND AUGUST OF 1945; AND

WHEREAS: BRAINERD'S 194TH TANK BATTALION WAS THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD UNIT ON ACTIVE DUTY IN BATAAN AT THAT TIME; AND

WHEREAS: THE CITIZENS OF BRAINERD AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PLEDGED NOT TO FORGET THEIR YOUNG MEN'S SUPREME SACRIFICE;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 9, 1982 TO BE

BATAAN DAY

IN MINNESOTA AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE CITIZENS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LIVING MEMBERS OF THAT TRAGEDY.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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