

Proclamation

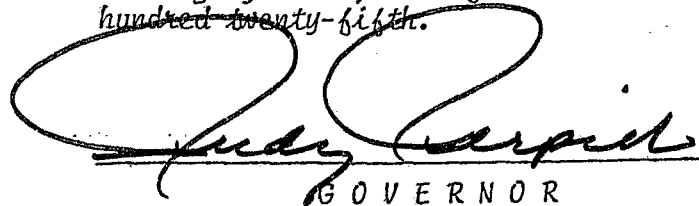
- WHEREAS: Our nation has fought in many wars, and thousands of Americans have served in those wars were captured by the enemy or became Missing in Action; and
- WHEREAS: Over 2,500 such men and women were left officially unaccounted for when the conflict in Southeast Asia ended, including 46 Minnesota men; and
- WHEREAS: Three hundred eighty-nine men were officially left unaccounted for when the Korean conflict ended; and
- WHEREAS: The American government is still receiving reports that indicate the possibility that many others are still alive and being held, thus creating a situation many citizens of Minnesota consider unbearable; and
- WHEREAS: President Ronald Reagan has defined "our common quest as the return of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for those still missing, and the repatriation of the remain of those who died serving our nation"; and
- WHEREAS: President Reagan has made these goals "the highest national priority" and has "committed the full resources of our government" to achieving these goals; and
- WHEREAS: This nation now enjoys the blessings of peace because of all its veterans and their dedication to duty, honor and sacrifice, and because we recognize this special debt we owe those Prisoners of War and Missing in Action; and
- WHEREAS: All POW/MIA organizations, veterans groups and all concerned citizens have requested that a Saturday in April be set aside for all Minnesotans to gather to show their support for a speedy solution to this unresolved POW/MIA situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 9, 1983, to be

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Minnesota, and I urge all citizens to show their support for these Vietnam Veterans who, even while missing, are still serving their country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State the one hundred twenty-fifth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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