



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The citizens of the State of Minnesota have a proud tradition and illustrious history of military service, dating to the years prior to statehood; and

WHEREAS: Gettysburg, Missionary Ridge, Manila, Champagne-Marne, Pearl Harbor, Coral Sea, Bataan, Tunisia, Anzio, Monte Cassino, Inchon and Hue are all places in history where Minnesota men and women fought and died so that freedom might prevail; and

WHEREAS: Forty-six Minnesota citizens have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, for gallantry at risk to life above and beyond the call of duty in these, and in other battles; and

WHEREAS: Thirteen thousand Minnesota citizens have given their lives in the service of their country in battle, and many brave and gallant Minnesota servicemen are buried in Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS: Arlington National Cemetery has reserved space for each State to honor citizens who have made the supreme sacrifice; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature and the Governor of the State of Minnesota authorized a Minnesota Medal of Honor for permanent enshrinement in the Arlington Memorial Display Room; and

WHEREAS: There are 555,000 living veterans in Minnesota, it is highly appropriate that the "Minnesota Medal of Honor" be presented to Arlington National Cemetery at this time, in sacred memory of those Minnesota citizens who sacrificed so dearly in order that the freedoms cherished by all Americans will endure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, together with a distinguished delegation representing all the people of Minnesota, do hereby present the

MINNESOTA MEDAL OF HONOR

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for permanent display in the Arlington Memorial Display Room at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in honor of Minnesota military heroes who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Rudy Perpich
Gran Anderson

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 third day of October in the year of