



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Over 2,700,000 Americans served in the Vietnam War, some 300,000 were wounded, some 75,000 disabled, over 57,000 died and some 2500 are still missing; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota wants to acknowledge and recognize some 55,000 of those Americans who reside here, who answered the call to duty, who sacrificed their lives, who returned wounded or disabled, and the 47 who have not returned; and

WHEREAS: This delegation of veterans desires to gather to honor the dead and missing comrades, share and renew friendships amongst the living, and in some way, put some of their losses and experiences into perspective; and

WHEREAS: These veterans are continuing to contribute to the backbone and stamina of this State, protecting democracy in this Nation, under God, and enhancing this States' overall welfare; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Salute will bring an air of brotherhood and friendship to all those attending, much the same as it was in Washington, last November;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the weekend of September 24 - 25, 1983, to be

THE MINNESOTA SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS

in Minnesota.

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FURTHER, I urge all citizens to attend and greet those veterans who served in Vietnam or to take a few moments to remember those who served, those who died, and those who are not HOME yet.

Rudy Perpich
Joan Anderson Browe

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Cap