



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The MINUTEMAN is representative of the state and local militias during the Revolutionary War that were ready to protect their homelands on a minutes notice; and
- WHEREAS: In 1976 during the bi-centennial celebration of America's independence, a mold was made to reproduce the MINUTEMAN statue to promote our independence throughout the nation; and
- WHEREAS: Today the MINUTEMAN is still the symbol of America's state milita's, the National Guard/ other reserve components, who are still ready to protect their homelands and freedom on a minutes notice; and
- WHEREAS: In 1981, the Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association adopted a reproduction of the MINUTEMAN statue, reproduced it in bronze and offered it to members and the public to promote the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Building Fund; and
- WHEREAS: In 1983, The Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association adopted this same reproduction, reproduced it in gold and called it the "MINUTEMAN Award" to be presented to distinguished individuals and organizations, for services rendered to the National Guard of the United States, Minnesota National Guard, or any other military organization, which all have the purpose of promoting and maintaining freedom in America; and
- WHEREAS: During the coming years the Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association hopes to continue awarding the "Minuteman Award" to those deserving individuals and organizations for the purpose of promoting the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States and the Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association and to make the public more aware of our goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 29, 1984, to be

MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION "MINUTEMAN" DAY
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in Minnesota, with the hope that all citizens of Minnesota become more aware of the sacrifices that members of the Minnesota National Guard make each and every day in order to be ready to defend and protect all citizens of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to help remind Minnesotans of these sacrifices eachand everyday, we have established a distinctive license plate that can be displayed on each and every Minnesota National Guard Member's automobile, which has on it the MINUTEMAN, the symbol of the National Guard.

Joan Anderson Howe
Rudy Perpich

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my h
and caused the Great Seal of the State of
Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this
thirty-first day of January in the year of our
Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four,
and of the State the one hundred twenty-sixth.

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