



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Major General Wayne C. Gatlin has been Chief of Staff of the Minnesota Air National Guard for the past six years and has contributed 42 years of his life to the service of his country and the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: He was the last World War II officer to retire from the Minnesota Air National Guard, is credited with destroying one German ME-262, the world's first jet fighter and damaging another in World War II; and

WHEREAS: General Gatlin, a fighter pilot, has flown 16 different fighter type aircrafts, accumulating over 6700 fighter hours which includes 55 combat missions and 254 combat hours; and

WHEREAS: He has contributed to the strength and operational readiness of the Minnesota Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS: As an aerial photographer, General Gatlin has received two national awards from the National Guard Association of the United States, and many of his photos have been used to enhance publications promoting the Duluth area; and

WHEREAS: General Gatlin has received many honors and decorations, most notably the Distinguished Flying Cross for superior airmanship and the Distinguished Service Medal; and

WHEREAS: General Gatlin has been active in many civic associations and groups, most notably the Duluth Rotary Club, Boys Club of America and the board of trustees for St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, thereby adding much to the impact of these groups; and

WHEREAS: General Gatlin has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and associates, and his initiatives stand as an example for all Minnesotans;

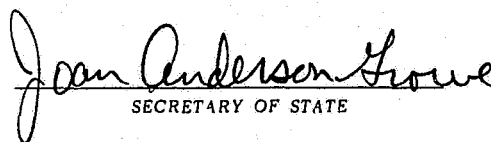
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 8, 1984, as

MAJOR GENERAL WAYVE C. GATLIN DAY

in Minnesota.

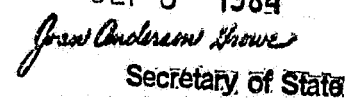
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this thirty-first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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