



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: We Americans hold freedom as our birthright, cherishing it as a basic condition of our way of life; and

WHEREAS: Our freedom was won in the agony of conflict and has been preserved for 200 years through the willingness of gallant Americans - men and women - to risk their lives for the perpetuation of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS: There are 407,400 men and women in all walks of life today here in Minnesota who have served our country with honor and valor in time of war; and

WHEREAS: These veterans - in the finest tradition of the Minuteman who took up arms 200 years ago - answered our country's call in time of war and pledged their "lives ... fortunes ... and sacred honor" to retain for all of us the freedoms which the Minuteman's service established; and

WHEREAS: The services performed by these gallant Minnesotans have demonstrated unselfish willingness of our nation, and our State, to meet the challenge of those forces wishing to subjugate through armed conflict the cause of individual detriment; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper that a day be set aside to honor our veterans in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the eleventh day of November to be

VETERANS DAY

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in Minnesota and ask that the day be observed with appropriate ceremonies in recognition of those veterans who have served our nation with honor during time of war.

FURTHER, I call upon citizens and business firms to mark this day with the proud display of the Flag of the United States and the State of Minnesota in reaffirmation of our national unity and pride and in rededication of our national ideals.

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 first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
*Rudy Perpich*  
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