



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesota servicemen have served the United States honorably, and through events and circumstances of war beyond their control, have been imprisoned by enemy forces; and

WHEREAS: These prisoners of war—from the Civil War through the conflicts of the present century—have survived their ordeal; and

WHEREAS: These men bore valiantly the cruelties of their captors and the loss of their freedom; and

WHEREAS: These ex-prisoners of war bear the scars of incarceration and the insensitivity of some members of society; and

WHEREAS: They are imminently deserving of the recognition of their fellow citizens and have earned the right to wear their "badge of courage" proudly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 9 to be

AMERICAN EX-PRISONER OF WAR 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 eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR
STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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