



Proclamation

WHEREAS: In June of 1942, the Japanese attacked Alaska's Aleutian Islands, becoming the first invaders since the War of 1812 to hold ground on the American home front; and

WHEREAS: The Battle of Attu was one of the most fierce in the Pacific theater, with the weather and terrain claiming more casualties and aircraft than the enemy; and

WHEREAS: A quarter-million Americans were stationed in Alaska between 1940-1944. They built important infrastructure, including airports, harbors, and roads, in a vast and undeveloped territory; and

WHEREAS: In spite of intense military activity and engagement in Alaska, the Alaska front has become a forgotten war; and

WHEREAS: Alaska filmmaker Laurence Goldin, supported by the Alaska Historical Commission, has produced the documentary *Alaska At War* using contemporary interviews and rare archival film and photos to depict the Japanese and American involvement in Alaska, which will be broadcast by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) on Monday, April 25 at 10PM;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 1988 to be

A L A S K A A T W A R D A Y

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 thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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