



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesota service men and women 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 and women bore valiantly the cruelties of their captors, and the loss of their freedom; and

WHEREAS: These ex-prisoners of war bear the scars of their incarceration and the insensitivity 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, 1988 to be

AMERICAN EX-PRISONER OF WAR
RECOGNITION DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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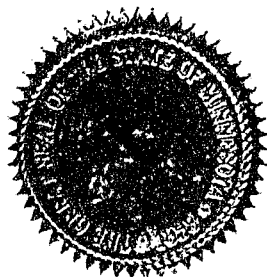
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in Minnesota.

Joan Anderson Howe

Secretary of State

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 fifth 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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