



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Colonel Francis (Gabby) Gabreski is the top living American Ace with 31 enemy aircraft shot down over Germany in World War II; and

WHEREAS: He is one of the only five Air Force pilots to become an Ace in both propeller and jet airplanes with 6 1/2 aerial victories over Migs in Korea; and

WHEREAS: Gabby holds 24 military combat decorations and numerous citations from foreign governments and other awards; and

WHEREAS: He was voted into the Eagles Hall of Fame and was enshrined in the Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS: Francis Gabreski has a forty year history of civic activity; and

WHEREAS: He has brought great credit to himself and his polish immigrant parents; and

WHEREAS: He has received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the American Polish Council; and

WHEREAS: Colonel Francis Gabreski is being honored by the 8th Air Force veterans and the Confederated Air Force, Minnesota Wing, at the annual air show in St. Paul;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 6, 1988 to be

FRANCIS (GABBY) GABRESKI DAY

in Minnesota, and ask all Minnesotans to pay tribute to this outstanding American.

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

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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