

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Following World War II, our country became engaged in a serious and deadly defense of freedom, called the Korean conflict, resulting from a surprise attact upon South Korea launched by the North Koreans on Sunday, June 25, 1950; and

The Korean Conflict was never formalized by a declaration of war, 6.7 million United States troops, along with those of 15 other nations participated, with some 33,629 Americans losing their lives on the battle field due to hostile enemy action; and WHEREAS:

On July 27, 1953, (July 26 USA time) a treaty was signed at Panmunjon, Korea, by United States and North Korean delegates, ending a war that lasted three years and 32 days after two years and 17 days of negotiations; and WHEREAS:

We as a nation were uncertain in expressing our gratitude to those sacrificed in our behalf; that recognition and homage that should have been extended to members of our military forces was unstated, if not disregarded entirely; and WHEREAS:

I now believe that the time is most appropriate to pay meaningful tribute to those men and women who proudly and faithfully served in our Armed Forces during the period of the Korean Conflict; WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 27,

KOREAN CONFLICT VETERANS DAY

in Minnesota and do thereupon urge all citizens to observe the occasion in fitting ways and pay tribute and honor to those patriots who stood willing to serve their country when called upon to do

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 July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightyeight, and of the State the one hundred thirtleth.

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