



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: America's men and women have served their country heroically since the Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of Americans have served in those wars, were captured by enemy or became Missing in Action; and
- WHEREAS: Nearly 2,400 such men and women are still officially unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, including 42 Minnesota men; and
- WHEREAS: Additional servicemen remain unaccounted for from the Korean Conflicts, and World War II; and
- WHEREAS: The American government is still receiving reports that indicate the possibility that many are still alive and being held, thus creating a situation many citizens of Minnesota and this Great Nation consider unbearable; and
- WHEREAS: President Reagan has said, "We accept and remember our obligation to these missing servicemen. Until the POW/MIA issue is resolved it will remain a matter of the highest national priority"; and
- WHEREAS: This nation now enjoys the blessings of peace because of all its veterans and their dedication to duty, honor and sacrifice, and because we recognize this special debt we owe those Prisoners of War and Missing in Action; and
- WHEREAS: President Reagan has proclaimed September 16, 1988 as "National POW/MIA Recognition Day" and has requested that each state also designate a day; and
- WHEREAS: All POW/MIA organizations, veterans groups and all concerned citizens have requested that a day in September be set aside for all Minnesotans to gather to show their support for a speedy solution to this unresolved POW/MIA situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby the week September 11, 1988 through September 17, 1988 to be

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and Friday, September 16, 1988 to be

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in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to show their support for these Veterans who, even while missing, are still serving their country.

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 twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

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