

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States Power Squadrons was founded on February 2, 1914 by recreational boaters who wanted to make America's waterways safer and more enjoyable; and

WHEREAS: The organization has grown in the ensuing decades to become the world's largest private boating organization, with some 70,000 members in more than 440 local Squadrons across the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS: The United States Power Squadrons has evolved an extensive nautical educational program, administered by its members, to improve the knowledge and skills of boaters;

WHEREAS: The United States Power Squadrons served the nation in both World Wars by opening its educational courses to members of the armed forces for the study of seamanship and navigation; and

WHEREAS: More than two and a half million men, women and youngsters have taken the Public Safe Boating Course conducted by the local Squadrons; and

WHEREAS: Members of the United States Power Squadrons also serve the recreational boating community through participation in National Safe Boating Week activities, and through a cooperative agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide corrections and additions to the nautical charts used by all boaters; and

WHEREAS: The 875 members in three Minnesota Squadrons are now observing the 75th Anniversary of the United States Power Squadrons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 2,

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS DAY

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 January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightynine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Joan Anderson Glance
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