

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6316, located in Blaine, Minnesota, is named after Sergeant John Rice, United States Army; and

WHEREAS: Sergeant John Rice was a career US Army Sergeant who enlisted shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor; served 40 months in the Pacific; was wounded in battle; contracted malaria; won a Bronze Star Medal, and gave his life in the Korea Conflict; and

WHEREAS: Upon return of his body to the United States, he was denied burial in Sioux City, Iowa, because he was an American Indian; and

WHEREAS: Through the intervention of then President Harry S. Truman, Sergeant John Rice was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS: The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6316 in Blaine, Minnesota, has chosen to perpetuate the memory of Sergeant Rice and is having a re-dedication of the Post Home with a permanent bronze memorial to his memory on May 7, 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 7, 1989 to be

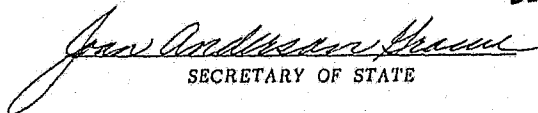
SERGEANT JOHN RICE VFW DAY

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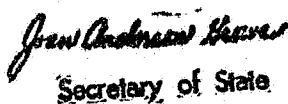
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.


GOVERNOR

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