

## 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 Bush has said, "We will do everything that a Government can do to recover the missing, and if we discover proof of captivity, we will take action to bring our POW's home. 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 Bush has proclaimed September 15, 1989, 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 proclaim the week September 10, 1989 through September 15, 1989 to be

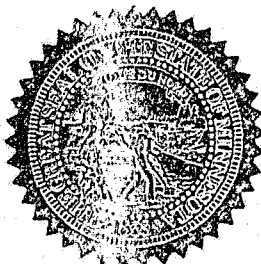
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and Friday, September 15, 1989 to be

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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-fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.



*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Browe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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