



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On September 30, 1989 the Air Force Association and the Air Force ROTC at the University of Minnesota are sponsoring a "Salute to Black Airmen;" and
- WHEREAS: More than 100 black youth, selected by a coalition of groups concerned with improving the opportunities of black youth within our community, will be guests of the Air Force Association at the event, which will include a reception, a banquet and a seminar; and
- WHEREAS: Guests of honor will be several of the original Tuskegee Airmen — the famous group of World War II black pilots who disproved the notion that blacks weren't capable of flying in combat; and
- WHEREAS: The Tuskegee Airmen broke the color barrier in combat flying, were instrumental in achieving full integration of the United States Air Force, and were pioneers in the United States civil rights movement; and
- WHEREAS: The guest speaker at the event will be Colonel Charles Edward McGee, USAD (Ret.) one of the few pilots to fly fighter aircraft tours in World War II, the Korean War and the Viet Nam War; and
- WHEREAS: The experiences of these airmen make them ideal role models for today's black youth, and they will discuss these experiences with the young people at the event;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 30, 1989 to be

SALUTE TO BLACK AIRMEN 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 September 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

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