



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: During World War II, over 350,000 women voluntarily served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and
- WHEREAS: In the United States and overseas, more than 1,000 women were in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, piloting every type of military aircraft, and during these dangerous mission, 38 WASP pilots lost their lives in air crashes; and
- WHEREAS: The Army Nurses and Navy Nurses who were captured when Corregidor fell spent 37 months in Japanese prison camps in the Philippines, while more than 200 Army Nurses lost their lives in combat situations; and
- WHEREAS: Over 2,500 Army Nurses and WACS won combat and non-combat decorations, including the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Star; and
- WHEREAS: The voluntary service of these valiant women contributed greatly to the Allied victory in World War II, bringing honor and distinction to all women veterans and to those who are currently serving in our country's military forces;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 28, 1989 to be

WOMEN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II 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 twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.



*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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