

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: The American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have adopted the poppy as their commemorative symbol; and

WHEREAS: The memorial poppy, assembled by disabled veterans, pays respectful tribute to those killed in war, and also benefits living veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS: Public donations for poppies fund rehabilitation programs within each local community that benefit veterans, their families, and ultimately our state and nation;

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

POPPY MONTH

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge citizens to wear a memorial poppy as a symbol of their deep appeciation for the services rendered by our nation's veterans.

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 fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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