

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: The citizen-soldiers of today's National Guard continue over three centuries of

tradition — service to their states and nation both in times of national emergency and in response to the critical needs of communities, states and the nation; and

WHEREAS:

It is important that we appreciate and understand the tradition of voluntary service exemplified by the National Guard — a tradition established in colonial America even before the birth of this nation, and continued in contemporary times as private citizens willingly leave civilian jobs in times of emergency to serve and defend their states and nation; and

WHEREAS: The history of the National Guard is a story of American history that must be told; and

WHEREAS: It was on an April day over 200 years ago that citizen-soldiers, known as Minutemen,

fired the famous "shots heard around the world" which signaled the beginning of the American Revolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 1990 to be

NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY WEEK

in Minnesota, and I encourage all citizens of the state to reflect upon the unique contribution which has been made by the men and women of Minnesota's National Guard and to learn more about the history and traditions of Minnesota's Army and Air National Guard.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

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Secretary of State

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