

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Thousands of Minnesota's men and women have served courageously in

the United States military, and through circumstances of war beyond

their control have been held captive by enemy forces; and

WHEREAS:

From the Revolutionary War through current conflicts, prisoners of war

have bravely endured the loss of the very freedom they fought to defend;

and

WHEREAS:

Former prisoners of war bear the scars of their detainment and sometimes

experience additional suffering due to a lack of knowledge and

understanding in our society; and

WHEREAS:

It is appropriate for the people of Minnesota to recognize the brave men

and women who have defended our freedom, despite being forced to

sacrifice their own, while living in captivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday April 9, 2015 as:

FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR DAY

in the State of 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 5th day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE