



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesota's men and women have served honorably in the United States military and, through events and circumstances of war beyond their control, have been imprisoned by enemy forces; and

WHEREAS: From the Revolutionary War through the conflicts of present time, prisoners of war have bravely endured the loss of their precious freedom and cruelties of their captors; and

WHEREAS: Former prisoners of war bear the scars of their incarcerations and sometimes suffer insensitivities in our society; and

WHEREAS: These brave men and women are eminently deserving of recognition from their fellow citizens and have earned the right to wear their "badge of courage" proudly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 9, 2011 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 23rd day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE