



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is the proud home of the United States Army 34th Infantry Division, the legendary Red Bulls; and

WHEREAS: Among the Division's many storied achievements in the service of freedom are operations to free the people of Italy from Nazi occupation during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS: The Division fought valiantly during the initial battle for Cassino, Italy, over mountainous terrain and stiff enemy resistance, overtaking enemy fortifications and rupturing the German "Winter Line" defenses in February 1944; and

WHEREAS: The sacrifices of our forces paved the way for the eventual capture of Cassino, and the rupturing of the "Winter Line" led to deep and everlasting ties between the people of Italy and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 18, 2014, as:

WINTER LINE REMEMBRANCE 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 12th day of May.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE