



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Corporal James Norman Sund, a native son of the State of Minnesota, died a Prisoner of War on April 24, 1951, while serving the United States Army in the Korean War, and his family has been waiting sixty years for his return and proper memorial; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal James Norman Sund was born on March 14, 1923 to Evan and Marie Sund and was raised on a family farm in Highlanding Township, Minnesota. James went on to serve the United States Army as a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in the Korean War; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal James Norman Sund gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero at twenty-eight years of age on April 24, 1951 in a North Korean Prisoner of War Camp after going Missing in Action on February 12, 1951 near Wonju, South Korea; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal James Norman Sund was a decorated military hero, earning the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Prisoner of War Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal James Norman Sund's remains were recovered by the United States in 1992 and recently identified through DNA. He will be welcomed home by brothers, Martin and Orvin; sisters, Mabel, Sophie, and Mathilda; and other relatives. James will be receiving a memorial with full military honors on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, in Goodridge, Minnesota, followed by interment at Highlanding Cemetery near his family farm; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Corporal James Norman Sund, sixty years after his death, for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and the United States of America with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, in honor and remembrance of Corporal James Norman Sund.



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 25th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State the one hundred and fifty-third.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE