



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: 2013 marks the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Chickamauga of the American Civil War; and
- WHEREAS: The Battle of Chickamauga was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, with the highest number of casualties in the Western Theater, and the second highest number of casualties overall; and
- WHEREAS: In testament thereof, the United States Congress established the Civil War battlefields at Chickamauga and Chattanooga as a National Military Park in 1890, the nation's first and largest such park; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota was represented during the Battle of Chickamauga by the gallant officers and men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota Infantry Regiment and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battery Light Artillery; and
- WHEREAS: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota Infantry sustained a high number of casualties (42 percent) during the two-day battle on September 19 – 20, 1863. Of the 384 men engaged, 35 were killed, 10 were mortally wounded, and 14 were captured. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota played a key role on day two of the battle by preserving a key defensive position on Snodgrass Hill, allowing the Army of the Cumberland to safely retreat to Chattanooga; and
- WHEREAS: In recognition of their service, on September 18, 1895, the State of Minnesota dedicated four monuments on the grounds of Chickamauga Military Park as tributes to the courage and service of her sons and the sacrifices made by families and communities throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS: On Friday, September 19, 2013, a delegation from Minnesota will honor the memory of Minnesotans involved in the Battle of Chickamauga and rededicate the Minnesota monuments, while Minnesotans across the state remember the sacrifices made to preserve the Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 19, 2013, as:

### MINNESOTA COURAGE AT CHICKAMAUGA 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE