STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On December 7, 1941, without warning or provocation, the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands was attacked, along with other United States military installations in the Pacific Theater by the Naval Forces of the Japanese Empire; and

WHEREAS: December 7, 2015, marks the 74th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS: More than 2,400 Americans, military personnel and civilians, were killed in these attacks. More than 1,100 suffered injuries and the bulk of the United States fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor was severely damaged or destroyed; and

WHEREAS: On that fateful December day, eighty-four Naval Reservists from the State of Minnesota were serving on active duty at Pearl Harbor when the first shot was fired in defense of the United States, sinking a Japanese submarine attempting to infiltrate the harbor defenses prior to the attack; and

WHEREAS: A total of 16,535,000 men and women served in the United States Armed Forces — including 326,000 Minnesotans — during the four, long years of World War II; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to remember the sacrifices of all who served in defense of the United States during World War II, especially those who paid the ultimate price and lost their lives in defense of the liberties that all Americans enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, December 7, 2015, as:

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and 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 Monday, December 7, 2015, in honor and remembrance of those who died during the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and those who sacrificed their lives for our liberty and freedom during World War II.

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 4th day of December.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE