



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

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

WHEREAS: December 7, 2019 marks the 78th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS: More than 2,400 Americans, both military personnel and civilians, were killed in these attacks, more than 1,100 suffered injuries, and the bulk of the U.S. 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: Over 16 million men and women served in the U.S. Armed Forces 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 our nation 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, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 7, 2019 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 Thursday, December 7, 2017, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR



Handwritten signature of Steve Pinnon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE