



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States Congress has designated March 25th each year as National Medal of Honor Day, the day the first Medal of Honor was presented in 1862; and

WHEREAS: Since the Civil War, brave men and women from the State of Minnesota have answered the call to defend and protect the freedoms we hold dear, and several have gone beyond this call of duty, risking injury and loss of life, distinguishing themselves as heroes; and

WHEREAS: The Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty, has been awarded to more than 3,400 service members, 55 of whom are associated with the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: This distinguished group includes Captain Charles Lindbergh, for display of courage during his 1927 nonstop flight from New York in Paris in the Spirit of St. Louis; Captain Richard Fleming, for extraordinary heroism above and beyond the call of duty during the Battle of Midway in 1942; Michael Colalillo, for bravery during World War II; and Leo Thorsness, for heroism and self-sacrifice during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS: The people of the State of Minnesota are forever grateful to the brave service members from Minnesota who have received this prestigious honor, and to all service members who have served and continue to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2013 as:

MINNESOTA MEDAL OF HONOR 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 13th day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE