



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The first victims of the "U.S.-Dakota War of 1862" lost their lives 150 years ago on August 17, 1862, marking the start of a terrible period in Minnesota's history; and

WHEREAS: It is proper to honor the American soldiers, Dakota people, and settlers who lost their lives in this war;

WHEREAS: August 17, 2012, the 150th anniversary of these events, shall be a "Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation in Minnesota."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset on Friday, August 17, 2012, and I urge everyone participating in the events commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the "U.S.-Dakota War of 1862" to practice not only remembrance, but also reconciliation.

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 16th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the state the one hundred fifty-fourth.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE