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, 2012 marks the 71st 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: A total of 16,535,000 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2012 as:

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE 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 19th day of November.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE