



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Since 1868, Memorial Day has been observed in the United States of America to officially celebrate and honor the valiant sacrifice of those in the military who have given their lives in the name of service; and
- WHEREAS: Memorial Day serves as a day of remembrance for their great courage and sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS: For 145 years, our nation has set aside this day to pay homage to American patriots who have fallen in service to our country; and
- WHEREAS: Today, we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation; and
- WHEREAS: Across the nation and in the State of Minnesota, we thank those who undertake the great responsibility of defending our liberties and protecting democracy; and
- WHEREAS: The United States of America and the State of Minnesota honor the spirit, courage, and tenacity of the generations of Armed Forces members and their families; and, as we pray for peace in our world, let us never forget those who have served on our behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 27, 2013, as:

## MEMORIAL 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

