



STATE of MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesota's men and women have courageously served our country as members of the United States military; and
- WHEREAS: Some of these men and women through circumstances of war beyond their control have been held captive by enemy forces; and
- WHEREAS: From the Revolutionary War through current conflicts, American prisoners of war have bravely endured the loss of the very freedom they have fought to defend at the hands of their captors; and
- WHEREAS: Former prisoners of war bear the scars of their detainment and sometimes suffer due to a lack of understanding and compassion in our society; and
- WHEREAS: These brave men and women are most deserving of recognition from their fellow citizens, and have earned the right to wear their badge of courage with pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Saturday April 9, 2016 as:

FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR 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 23rd day of March.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR

Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE

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