

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Young men and women from Minnesota and across the nation proudly and courageously served during the Second World War with the 8th Air Force in England; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans' participation in World War II continued the state's tradition of valor and service that began during the Civil War with the First Minnesota Regiment; and

WHEREAS: From 1942 to 1946, over 3,500 B-24 Liberator bombers were made battle ready by the 3,000 dedicated men and women of the Modification Center, located at Holmen Field in Saint Paul, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Despite the loss of over 6,000 members who gave their lives for freedom, the 93rd Bombardment Group, along with air combat units of the 8th Air Force 2nd Air Division, was instrumental in the destruction of the German Luftwaffe, a feat that contributed to an early end to the war in battle stricken Europe; and

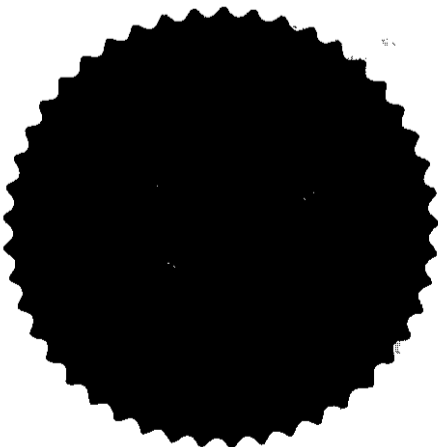
WHEREAS: From 1942 to 1945, the 93rd Bombardment Group served the United States of America in three combat theaters and earned several Silver Stars, two Presidential Citations, five Distinguished Service Crosses, innumerable Distinguished Flying Crosses, and two Congressional Medals of Honor; and

WHEREAS: It is important that the unparalleled accomplishments of the 93rd Bombardment Group, the 8th Air Force 2nd Air Division, the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, and Minnesota veterans be remembered by current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 29, 2007, to be:

THE 8TH AIR FORCE'S 93RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP 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 September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

