



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Warsaw uprising, which began on August 1, 1944, was a major World War II operation by the Polish resistance Home Army to liberate the city of Warsaw from Nazi occupation; and

WHEREAS: The uprising was the single largest military effort undertaken by resistance forces to oppose Nazi occupation during World War II; and

WHEREAS: On September 18, 1944, the U.S. Air Force completed a critical support operation for the uprising. Known as Operation Frantic 7, the operation included a massive airdrop of supplies from a B-17 Flying Fortress to Polish fighters including weapons, ammunition, food, and medical supplies; and

WHEREAS: Despite the courage and sacrifice demonstrated by both the Polish resistance fighters and the Allied aircrews, the uprising ultimately failed due to a lack of sufficient external support and the overwhelming strength of the Nazi forces; and

WHEREAS: Despite Nazi suppression, the valor displayed during the Warsaw Uprising and operations remain a poignant symbol of resistance against oppression; and

WHEREAS: On September 21, 2024, members of the heroic B-17 crew will be honored with a dedication ceremony and the unveiling of a memorial in Columbia Heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 21, 2024 as:

WARSAW UPRISING
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 20th day of September.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE