

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, early Sunday morning on December 7, 1941, aircraft of the Empire of Japan, without provocation or warning, attacked the United States armed forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,400 Americans died that day and another 1,000 were wounded in this attack that marked the entry of the United States into World War II; and

WHEREAS, the veterans of World War II and all citizens of the United States commemorate December 7th in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, commemoration of this attack at Pearl Harbor will instill in all citizens of the United States a greater understanding and appreciation of the selfless sacrifice of the individuals who served in the United States armed forces during World War II.

WHEREAS, Now another date will forever stand alongside December 7, 1941--September 11, 2001. On that day, our citizens and our way of life again were brutally and suddenly attacked by terrorists. With the same self sacrifice and honor, our United States armed forces and citizens stand vigilant in the defense of freedom, democracy, and our respect for human civilization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim **December 7, 2003**, as

PEARL HARBOR DAY

Throughout the state and encourage all Wisconsinites to honor the many brave Americans who fought valiantly during World War II for their dedicated service, and courage in protecting and defending the citizens and the freedoms of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this first day of December in the year two thousand three.

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JIM DOYLE

By the Governor

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

