



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Marina Gayle DeSteno Challeen, twenty-four years of age, was raised in Stillwater and was a graduate of Stillwater Area High School and the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Marina aspired to be a doctor, and she loved helping and enriching the lives of others through her work in the emergency medical services field; and
- WHEREAS: Marina was an exemplary Emergency Medical Technician and was admired and respected by her colleagues; and
- WHEREAS: Marina volunteered at multiple hospitals and on Habitat for Humanity projects in addition to working as an Emergency Medical Technician; and
- WHEREAS: Marina died on Wednesday, October 9, 2017, in a tragic collision while on duty as an Emergency Medical Technician; and
- WHEREAS: Marina is preceded in death by her mother, Deborah DeSteno; and will be remembered by father and stepmother, Dan and Linda Challeen, and sister Miranda Challeen; and many other relatives, friends, and community members; and
- WHEREAS: A celebration of Marina's life will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Marina Gayle DeSteno Challeen for her dedicated service to, and sacrifice for, her fellow citizens of Minnesota, with its deepest gratitude; and
- WHEREAS: The thoughts and prayers of a grateful State are with Marina's family, friends, and entire community, as they mourn this terrible loss and celebrate Marina's life and many contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, in honor and remembrance of Marina Gayle DeSteno Challeen.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE