



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Seaman First Class (Slc) Joseph Johnson was killed on the morning of December 7, 1941, while assigned to the U.S.S. Oklahoma, a ship docked on Battleship Row, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS: Slc Johnson has been interred in the Punchbowl Veterans Cemetery in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS: His remains were identified in 2017, and after 76 years he will return to his final resting place in Rushford, Minnesota, on July 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota honors the spirit, courage, and tenacity of generations of America's Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS: Today, the people of Minnesota express their gratitude and thanks to Seaman First Class Johnson for his service and sacrifice to the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 7, 2018, as:

## JOSEPH JOHNSON 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE