



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: President John F. Kennedy declared the first Law Enforcement Memorial Day on May 15, 1962, as a tribute to Peace Officers who lost their lives or were injured in the line of duty, and this day has been observed in our country annually since; and

WHEREAS: Between 1881 and May 10, 2013, 270 Minnesota Law Enforcement Officers have been killed in the line of duty, with an average of 160 officers killed and 60,000 injured in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association was established in 1974 to honor fallen and injured officers who put their lives on the line for the protection of all Minnesotans, dedicating a memorial at the Minneapolis/Saint Paul International Airport in 1977, before recreating the memorial on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds in 1995; and

WHEREAS: On this Law Enforcement Memorial Day, the families of Minnesotans, Tom Decker, killed in the line of duty on November 29, 2012, and Josh Lynaugh, who died in the line of duty on February 16, 2013, will be dedicating the names of their loved ones on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS: Today and every day, it is fitting to honor those Peace Officers who gave their lives to protect ours and thank the over 10,000 Law Enforcement Officials in Minnesota for their dedication and service to Minnesota communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 15, 2013, as:

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and 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, May 15, 2013, in honor of Peace Officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.



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 May in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State the one hundred fifty-fifth.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE