



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: President John F. Kennedy declared the first Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 1962, as a tribute to peace officers and in honor of peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, lost their lives or became disabled in the line of duty, and this day has been observed in our country annually since; and

WHEREAS: Between 1881 and May 1, 2014, 269 Minnesota law enforcement officers have died 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 peace 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 ground in 1995; and

WHEREAS: Today and every day it is fitting to honor those peace officers who gave their lives to protect ours, and to thank the over 10,000 law enforcement officers in Minnesota who serve in the 446 law enforcement agencies, for their dedication and service to Minnesota communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 15, 2014, as:

PEACE OFFICERS 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 Thursday, May 15, 2014, 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 5th day of May.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE