



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson, 20 years of age, was born and raised in Waseca, Minnesota, and was a 2012 graduate of Waseca High School. A talented athlete, he was a two-year starter on the high school football team, and member of the high school wrestling team; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson long dreamed of serving his country and joined the Marine Corps immediately upon graduation from high school — attending boot camp in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson was stationed at Camp Lejeune after graduation, where he was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country on Friday, February 28, 2014, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, when his convoy was attacked while conducting combat operations; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson was known for his smile and contagious, positive attitude, his whole-hearted approach to life, and his love for country and desire to protect and serve; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson was a beloved member of his community, who loved spending time with his parents, sister, grandparents, and extended family. And despite serving his country around the world, he remained close with a large circle of friends from Waseca; and

WHEREAS: A celebration of Caleb's life will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014, at Grace Lutheran Church, where Caleb was an active member of the youth group; and

WHEREAS: The state of Minnesota recognizes Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson for his courageous service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and the United States of America with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the state of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Monday, March 10, 2014, in honor and remembrance of Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson.



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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE