



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut was born to a military family on December 31, 1988, in Burnsville, Minnesota and grew up in the town of Stewartville, Minnesota; and
WHEREAS: Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut graduated from Stewartville High School in 2007, where he helped found the chess club and was an award-winning player. He excelled in English and American history. In his junior and senior years, he attended classes at Rochester Community and Technical College; and
WHEREAS: In 2008, Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut left his position as supervisor at a Rochester, Minnesota office supply store to enlist in the United States Army, and was stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington; and
WHEREAS: Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut married Aliessa Glidden of Rochester on October 28, 2011—having been close friends since meeting at the age of fourteen; and
WHEREAS: Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut served his first overseas deployment in Iraq. Requesting a second deployment, he was deployed to Afghanistan in December, 2011, as a Forward Observer with the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and attached to the 82nd Airborne Division; and
WHEREAS: Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut was a talented soldier of great maturity and intelligence, and a highly respected and invaluable member of his Company; and
WHEREAS: Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero on Monday, April 30, 2012, in Zharay, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, after sustaining wounds while engaged in combat, earning the Bronze Star and Purple Heart; and
WHEREAS: Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut will be forever remembered for his kindness, humor, and courage, and loved by his wife, Aliessa; parents, Jacqueline and Randall Carson ; brother, Christopher Dickhut; half-brother, David Carson; step-brother, Keith Rosendahl; step-sisters, Natasha Carson and Alexandria Rosendahl; and many other loving relatives and friends; and
WHEREAS: A celebration of Nicholas's life will be held Tuesday, May 8, 2012, in Rochester, Minnesota, followed by internment at Grandview Memorial Gardens; and
WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut for his dedicated 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 be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, in honor and remembrance of Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut.



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 7th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State the one hundred fifty-third.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE