



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Reverend William “Billy” Franklin Graham Jr. died at the age of 99 on February 21, 2018; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Graham preached to nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS: The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) was founded in Minneapolis in 1950 by Reverend Graham; and
- WHEREAS: The BGEA remained in Minneapolis until 1999 when it moved to Reverend Graham’s home state of North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Graham served as president of the University of Northwestern – Saint Paul between 1948 and 1952; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Graham was a spiritual adviser and counselor to American presidents of both parties throughout the 20th Century; and
- WHEREAS: The President of the United States of America has lowered United States flags at all public buildings, grounds, and military posts of the Federal Government from sunrise until sunset on the day of his interment.

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 Friday, March 2, 2018, in honor and remembrance of Reverend William Franklin Graham Jr.



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 28th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE