



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On August 25, 2018, Senator John Sidney McCain III died at the age of 81; and
- WHEREAS: Senator John McCain's remarkable record of leadership embodies his unwavering, lifetime commitment to public service; and
- WHEREAS: The son and grandson of distinguished Navy Admirals, Senator McCain graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958, and served as a Naval aviator for 22 years, including in North Vietnam during the Vietnam War; and
- WHEREAS: On October 26, 1967, during Senator McCain's 23rd bombing mission over North Vietnam, a missile struck his plane and forced him to eject, knocking him unconscious and breaking both his arms and his leg; and
- WHEREAS: He was held as a prisoner of war, and subjected to torture for nearly six years; and
- WHEREAS: When he was finally released and able to return home, Senator McCain continued his service by regaining his naval flight status. His last Navy duty assignment was to serve as the naval liaison to the United States Senate; and
- WHEREAS: Senator McCain retired from the Navy in 1981 with naval honors, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross; and
- WHEREAS: Senator McCain was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona in 1982, and elected to the United States Senate in 1986. He was the Republican Party's nominee for President in the 2008 election; and
- WHEREAS: Senator McCain bravely and faithfully served the United States of America for over sixty years.

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 immediately until sunset on the day of his interment on Sunday, September 2, 2018, in honor and remembrance of Senator John McCain.



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 27th day of August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE