



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt, thirty-one years of age, was a lifelong resident of Minnesota; and
WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt graduated from Rosemount High School, Rosemount, Minnesota, in 1997; and
WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt enlisted in the United States Army in January 2009 and became a military police officer assigned to the 3rd platoon 552nd Police Company; and
WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt joined the 728th Military Police Battalion, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and in July 2009 was deployed to Afghanistan; and
WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt was a remarkable soldier. Compassionate, outgoing, smart and witty, he was known for his cheery personality and continually brought smiles and laughter to the faces of those that knew him; and
WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt was a gifted musician who believed deeply in art and humanity and brought joy to all with his musical compositions; and
WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero on Sunday, February 27, 2011, outside of Kandahar, Afghanistan while on foot patrol; and
WHEREAS: Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt is survived by parents, Jeff and Lori; sister, Martha; brother, Peter; and many other loving relatives and friends; and
WHEREAS: A Celebration of Andrew's life will be held Friday, March 4, 2011, at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club, followed by a private internment on Saturday, March 5, 2011; and
WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt 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 Saturday, March 5, 2011, in honor and remembrance of Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt.



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 3rd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State the one hundred fifty-second.

[Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton]

GOVERNOR

[Handwritten signature of Secretary of State]

SECRETARY OF STATE