



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota Twins legend and Hall of Famer, Harmon Clayton Killebrew, passed away on May 17, 2011, at the age of 74 after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Killebrew's Hall-of-Fame career began when he was signed out of the ball fields of Payette, Idaho by the Washington Senators, who moved to Minnesota in 1961 and became the Minnesota Twins; and
- WHEREAS: Thanks to quick hands and extraordinary upper-body strength, Mr. Killebrew developed into one of the most feared power hitters of all time, amassing a staggering 573 home runs throughout his career; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Killebrew dominated the game, racking up 11 all-star game appearances, named American League Most Valuable Player in 1969, and, in 1965, led the Minnesota Twins to their first World Series appearance; and
- WHEREAS: After retiring, Mr. Killebrew's illustrious career was recognized by Major League Baseball, when he was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1984; and
- WHEREAS: Much of Mr. Killebrew's retirement was devoted to his foundation, the Harmon Killebrew Foundation, where he worked with the Minnesota Twins Community Fund and the Miracle League to bring the joy of baseball to children; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Killebrew's life should serve as an inspiration to everyone, and his work on the baseball diamond and through his foundation will never be forgotten; and
- WHEREAS: Today the citizens of Minnesota join with Mr. Killebrew's surviving family members, his many friends, and his passionate legion of fans in celebrating the man and all he accomplished throughout his life, on and off the diamond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2011 to be:

HARMON KILLEBREW DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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 25th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE