



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: President John F. Kennedy declared the first Law Enforcement Memorial Day on May 15, 1962, as a tribute to Peace Officers who lost their lives or were injured in the line of duty, and this day has been observed in our country annually since; and

WHEREAS: Between 1881 and May 10, 2011, 257 Minnesota Law Enforcement Officers have been killed in the line of duty, with an average of 160 officers killed and 60,000 injured in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association was established in 1974 to honor fallen and injured officers who put their lives on the line for the protection of all Minnesotans, dedicating a memorial at the Minneapolis/Saint Paul International Airport in 1977 before recreating the memorial on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds in 1995; and

WHEREAS: On this Law Enforcement Memorial Day, the families of Minnesotans, Joseph Bergeron, killed in the line of duty on May 1, 2010, and Christopher Dewey, killed in the line of duty on August 9, 2010, will be dedicating the names of their loved ones on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS: Today and every day, it is fitting to honor those Peace Officers who gave of their lives to protect ours, and to thank the over 10,000 Law Enforcement Officials in Minnesota today for their dedication and service to Minnesota communities.

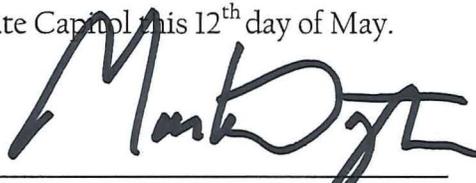
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2011 as:

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL 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 12th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE