



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Police Officer Thomas "Tommy" Decker, thirty-one years of age, was a six-year veteran of the Cold Spring, Minnesota Police Department; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Tommy Decker was a native of Cold Spring, and considered working for his hometown police force his dream job. Officer Decker was conscientious, brave, and known for his gregarious sense of humor; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Tommy Decker, an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and liked to travel. He was an active member of his community and taught religion classes at his church; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Tommy Decker was an exemplary police officer, and was admired and respected by his colleagues. He received the Cold Spring Police Department's Special Commendation for heroism, and served as an instructor on firearms and the use of force; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Tommy Decker was an adoring father to his four children: Kelly, Jade, Justin, and Devon; and a loving husband to his wife, Alicia Glynn, whom he married on October 22, 2011; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Tommy Decker died a hero on November 29, 2012, after being shot in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Tommy Decker will be joining his sister, Susie, in his passing, and will be remembered and loved by his wife, Alicia; four children: Kelly, Jade, Justin, and Devon; parents, Rosella and John; siblings: Eddie, Larry, Terry, Billy, Shelly, and Joey; and many other relatives, friends, and community members; and
- WHEREAS: A celebration of Tommy's life, with full police honors, will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at Saint John's Abbey and University Church in Collegeville, Minnesota, followed by interment at Saint Nicholas Catholic Cemetery; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Officer Tommy Decker for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and Cold Spring 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 United States 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 Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in honor and remembrance of Officer Tommy Decker.



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 4<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State the one hundred fifty-fourth.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE