



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Police Officer Josh Lynaugh, thirty years of age, was a five-year veteran of the Saint Paul, Minnesota Police Department; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Josh Lynaugh was a native of Stillwater, Minnesota and graduated from Stillwater Area High School in 2001, having played football for the Stillwater Ponies; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Josh Lynaugh always wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, retired Saint Paul Police Sergeant Tim Lynaugh, and graduated from the Saint Paul Police Academy in 2007. His classmates elected him class president; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Josh Lynaugh was an exemplary police officer, twice receiving the Saint Paul Police Department's Life Saving Award. Respected and admired by his colleagues, he received sixteen commendations, including numerous letters of appreciation, and the Department's Medal of Commendation in 2011; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Josh Lynaugh had a powerful, positive impact on his community and inspired his fellow police officers with his dedication and commitment. Officer Lynaugh cared passionately about being a street cop, and worked constantly to be the best; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Josh Lynaugh died a hero on Saturday, February 16, 2013, from complications of a heart attack he suffered following a foot pursuit of a suspect; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Josh Lynaugh joins his grandfather, Philip, in his passing, and will be remembered by his parents, Tim and Lori; siblings, Brian and Melissa; grandparents; and many other relatives, friends, and community members; and
- WHEREAS: A celebration of Josh's life, with full police honors, will be held on Friday, February 22, 2013, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Saint Paul, Minnesota, followed by interment at Lakeview Cemetery in Stillwater; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Officer Josh Lynaugh for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and Saint Paul 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 Friday, February 22, 2013, in honor and remembrance of Officer Josh Lynaugh.



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 21st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State the one hundred fifty-fourth.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE