



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Adam S. Thomas, a native of Lyon County, Minnesota, attended elementary school in the St. Peter area and was a 2007 graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield; and
- WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Thomas was a Green Beret assigned to Company B, Second Battalion, Tenth Special Forces Group (Airborne), at Fort Carson in Colorado. He joined the Army in 2008 and deployed to Iraq in 2008 for 12 months and to Afghanistan in 2011 for 9 months; and
- WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Thomas was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal, among other commendations; and
- WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Thomas passed away on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at thirty-one years of age in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS: He is survived by his wife, Mackenzie, and his parents, Dr. Will and Candace Thomas, of Marshall Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: A public memorial service will be held at the Shrine of Remembrance Chapel on Saturday, October 15, 2016, in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Staff Sergeant Thomas for his dedicated service and sacrifice for the people of Minnesota and the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS: The thoughts and prayers of Minnesotans, and Americans across the country are with his family, friends, and 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, October 15, 2016, in honor and remembrance of Sergeant Thomas.



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 October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE