



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Deputy Fire Marshal Shawn Johnson of the Minnetonka Fire Department passed away on March 5, 2026, following a two-year battle with cancer after two decades of dedicated service to the Minnetonka community and the Minnesota fire service; and
- WHEREAS: Shawn Johnson joined the Minnetonka Fire Department in March 2006 as a Paid-on-Call Firefighter, where he quickly demonstrated a deep commitment to protecting his community and supporting his fellow firefighters; and
- WHEREAS: During his years of service, he served in numerous leadership roles, including lieutenant and training captain, before joining the department full-time in 2016 as a fire inspector in the Fire and Life Safety Division, where his strong knowledge of the fire code and attention to detail helped ensure the safety of residents and businesses throughout Minnetonka; and
- WHEREAS: In 2023, he was promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal, continuing his work with professionalism, expertise, and a genuine care for others while building trusted relationships with business owners and property managers across the community; and
- WHEREAS: Shawn Johnson was deeply committed to strengthening the fire service across Minnesota, serving as a testing evaluator with the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board and traveling statewide to mentor, educate, and support firefighters from departments of all sizes; and
- WHEREAS: Beyond his professional accomplishments, Shawn Johnson was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend whose kindness, integrity, and dedication touched the lives of many, and whose greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his two grandsons; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the lasting impact of Deputy Fire Marshal Shawn Johnson's service and extends its deepest gratitude for his contributions to public safety and to the fire service community throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise on Wednesday, March 18, to sunset on Thursday, March 19, in honor and remembrance of Deputy Fire Marshal Shawn Johnson. Flags are currently lowered in honor of Sergeant First Class Nicole M. Amor and will remain at half-staff until sunset on the day of her interment.

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 16th day of March.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE