



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: President John F. Kennedy declared the first Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 1962, in honor of "those who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty"; and

WHEREAS: Since December 3, 1874, when the first Minnesota peace officer was reported killed in the line of duty, and as of May 14, 2018, 280 Minnesota Law Enforcement Officers have died in the line of duty. Nationally, an average of 151 officers are killed and over 15,000 injured in the United States each year; and

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

WHEREAS: Today and every day it is fitting to honor those Peace Officers who gave their lives to protect ours, and to thank the over 10,000 Law Enforcement Officers in Minnesota who serve in the 446 law enforcement agencies for their dedication and services to Minnesota communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 15, 2019, as:

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in honor of Peace Officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.



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 13th day of May.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Pinnon".

SECRETARY OF STATE