



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman served in the Minnesota legislature for more than 20 years, representing Anoka and Hennepin Counties in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: Hortman was first elected to the Minnesota legislature in 2004 and in 2017 she was appointed Minority Leader of the Minnesota House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: Hortman served as Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2019 to 2025 where she helped pass marquee legislation, including paid family and medical leave, historic investments in education, universal free school meals, extreme risk protection orders and universal background checks, transportation, and climate change initiatives, among many others; and

WHEREAS: Hortman was a dedicated leader who worked across party lines to advance legislation protecting the wellbeing of all people in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Hortman was a formidable public servant and a fixture of the state Capitol, who woke up every morning determined to make Minnesota a better place; and

WHEREAS: Hortman will be remembered for her compassion, grace, humor, and sense of service. She is irreplaceable and her death is a monumental loss. The state extends its prayers and deepest condolences to her friends, family, and loved ones.

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 immediately, in honor and remembrance of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman.

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 14th day of June.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE