



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Justice John Paul Stevens was nominated to the United States Supreme Court in 1975 and served until June 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS: Justice Stevens was a brilliant legal mind and dedicated his life to public service, having served on the Supreme Court for nearly four decades; and

WHEREAS: Justice Stevens was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Gerald Ford. He became the senior Associate Justice in 1994, and during his tenure, Justice Stevens presided over issues of American law including civil liberties, government action, and intellectual property; and

WHEREAS: In addition to his service on the Supreme Court, Justice Stevens was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He served as an intelligence officer from 1942 to 1945, and was awarded a Bronze Star for his military service; and

WHEREAS: With the passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stevens, President Trump has ordered American flags at all government buildings and facilities be flown at half-staff on July 23 as a mark of respect for the memory of Justice Stevens and to honor his service to our country; and

WHEREAS: In concurrence with the President's order and in remembrance of Justice Stevens and his many contributions as a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, it has been ordered that the American and Minnesota flags at state buildings and facilities also be flown at half-staff on July 23.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota beginning sunrise until sunset, on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in memory of Justice Stevens.



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 22nd day of July.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE