



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Laura Zumbusch-Wood dedicated 16 years of volunteer service as a firefighter for the City of Victoria, pouring her heart and soul into protecting her neighbors and supporting her fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Zumbusch-Wood was known for her warmth, kindness, and creativity, and for the spark she carried into every room she entered; and

WHEREAS: Her passion for community shone through not only in her fire service, but also in her work helping design the City of Victoria's new fire station, where she proudly attended the groundbreaking in June 2025 despite her illness; and

WHEREAS: She found her greatest joy in family, gathering for games, walks, dinners, and weekends at the family cabin, and her love and creativity brought people together in ways that will be remembered always; and

WHEREAS: Her legacy continues through her son, Zachary, who followed in her footsteps of service as a firefighter, and through her husband, parents, siblings, extended family, friends, and the entire firefighting community, who will carry forward her spirit of love and service; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Zumbusch-Wood died in the line of duty on July 27, 2025, surrounded by family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS: With its deepest gratitude, the State of Minnesota recognizes Firefighter Laura Zumbusch-Wood for her service, sacrifice, and the inspiration she gave to all who knew her, and extends its thoughts to her husband Paul, her son Zachary, her parents Steve and Charlotte, her siblings, family, friends, colleagues, and the Victoria Fire Department.

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 to sunset on Thursday, August 21, 2025, in honor and remembrance of Firefighter Laura Zumbusch-Wood.

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 19th day of August.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE