



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg dedicated three years of exemplary service to the Minnesota National Guard; and

WHEREAS: Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg served with distinction on a nine-month deployment with the Minnesota National Guard's Company C, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion in Kuwait, where the unit provided aerial medical evacuation; and

WHEREAS: Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg was a leader in the Minnesota National Guard as a warrant officer candidate, federal technician, and a member of the Minnesota National Guard biathlon team; and

WHEREAS: Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg devoted this life to service and love for family, friends, animals and nature, and a passion for flying; and

WHEREAS: Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg died tragically in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crash nine minutes after take-off from St. Cloud, Minnesota, on a routine maintenance flight; and

WHEREAS: Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg is survived by his parents, Steve and Laura Plantenberg of Avon; sister Isabel Plantenberg of Avon; grandmother Theresa Elliott of Savage; girlfriend Bryonna Anderson of Clovis; trusted canine companion Max; and countless friends and coworkers; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg for his dedicated service and ultimate sacrifice to our state and country. All thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and members of the Minnesota National Guard.

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 and Federal buildings in Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Thursday, December 12, 2019 in honor and remembrance of Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg.



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 11th day of December.

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

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE