



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 16, 2001, President George W. Bush signed legislation requiring that United States flags be lowered to half-staff at all federal buildings to memorialize fallen firefighters; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 107-51 requires this action to occur annually, in conjunction with the observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Senate File 237 was unanimously passed by the Minnesota Legislature and signed into law on May 15, 2009, creating Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, Minnesota State Fire Department Association, and Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters Association support this act of recognition and believe it honors their goal of bringing every firefighter home safely at the end of every shift; and

WHEREAS: On average, nearly 90 firefighters make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Every day, the volunteer, paid-on-call, and career firefighters in nearly 800 Minnesota fire departments protect the lives and property of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 25, 2016, as:

### MINNESOTA FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 25, 2016, in honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pinnon".

SECRETARY OF STATE