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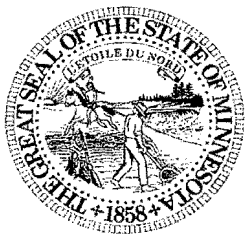

MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY
IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR
FOR SENATE DISTRICT 46 IN HENNEPIN COUNTY
AND OF A SPECIAL
PRIMARY TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the People of the State of Minnesota, and particularly of Senate District 46 in Hennepin County; to the Secretary of State of Minnesota; to the auditor of Hennepin County; to all election officials in Senate District 46; and to all others who may be concerned.

Whereas, there is a vacancy in the office of State Senator for Senate District 46 of the State of Minnesota, caused by the passing of Senator Linda Scheid on June 15, 2011; and

Whereas, a special election is necessary to fill this vacancy to ensure representation for the citizens of Senate District 46.

Now, Therefore, I, Mark Dayton, as Governor of the State of Minnesota, acting under the authority and direction vested in me by the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4, Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 204D.17 to 204D.27, 351.01, 351.02, 351.055, and other relevant statutes, do hereby direct that:

1. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held in Senate District 46 on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

2. A special primary, if necessary, for the nomination of candidates for the office of State Senator for Senate District 46 will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

3. Affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for Senate District 46 must be filed with the Secretary of State or the county auditor of Hennepin County from Wednesday, July 27, 2011, until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

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4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statues 2010, section 204D.23, subd. 5, affidavits of withdrawal for Senate District 46 may be filed with the same official who received the affidavit of candidacy until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2011.

5. Notices of this special election and special primary must be given, the nomination and election of candidates must be conducted, and all things pertaining thereto must be done as provided by Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 204D.17 to 204D.27, and other applicable law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, on July 26, 2011.

MARK DAYTON
Governor

Filed in Accordance with Law:

MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State