STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Marine Lance Corporal Dale W. Means, twenty-three years of age, was born April 17, 1989, in Burnsville, Minnesota. After graduating from New Prague High School in 2007, he attended Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Dale W. Means met and began dating Andrea B. Scheffler while attending high school, and the couple was united in marriage on October 15, 2011 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Dale W. Means enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January 2011. Stationed out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Lance Corporal Dale W. Means was deployed to Afghanistan in July 2012 as a member of the Combat Logistics Battalion 2, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Dale W. Means gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero on Sunday, November 18, 2012, when the convoy in which he was riding struck an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Dale W. Means, an exemplary Marine, has the honored distinction of having been awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Dale W. Means will be forever remembered and loved by his wife, Andrea; mother, DaleLyn Means; father, John Means; sister, JoLyn Means; grandparents, and countless in-laws, family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Lance Corporal Dale W. Means for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and the United States of America with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, 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 Wednesday, November 28, 2012, in honor and remembrance of Lance Corporal Dale W. Means.

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 27th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State the one hundred fifty-fourth.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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