STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Friday, November 22, 2013, is the 50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, 1961 to 1963; and

WHEREAS: As Lieutenant, John F. Kennedy served heroically in the United States Navy: commanding a crew of 12 in the South Pacific, leading his fellow sailors to safety despite grave injuries following an attack, and receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his leadership and courage; and

WHEREAS: John F. Kennedy began his career in public service in 1946, serving first as a Congressman from the State of Massachusetts, and later as United States Senator; and

WHEREAS: John F. Kennedy was a strong supporter of civil rights and human rights – both in the United States and around the world. As President, John F. Kennedy delivered on his promises of equality by creating the Peace Corps in 1961, and proposing historic civil rights legislation in 1963; and

WHEREAS: John F. Kennedy inspired generations of Americans to public action and civic engagement by encouraging all to "ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country"; and

WHEREAS: John F. Kennedy advocated for democracy and freedom for the United States and for the world. His military heroism, commitment to public service, and vision for a greater and more just society continue to inspire us today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 22, 2013, as:

JOHN F. KENNEDY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

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 14th day of November.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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