



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Firefighter Timothy Bertz honorably served the State of Minnesota and the communities of Harris, Lino Lakes, and Saint Paul, dedicating his life to public service; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Bertz served his country as a United States Navy SEAL before beginning his firefighting career in 2017 with the Harris Fire Department, where he was Harris Firefighter #15 and quickly became a valued member of the department; and

WHEREAS: During his time at Harris, he also served as a duty crew firefighter with the Lino Lakes Fire Department, and most recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by graduating from the Saint Paul Fire Academy and joining the Saint Paul Fire Department; and

WHEREAS: Although his career in the Saint Paul Fire Department was brief, Firefighter Bertz made a profound impact through his discipline, leadership, dedication, and commitment to serving others with integrity and humility; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Bertz tragically passed away on Monday, December 22, 2025, following a serious medical event, leaving behind his wife, Andrea, family, friends, and countless brothers and sisters in the fire service; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Bertz exemplified selflessness and courage in life, including choosing to donate his organs so that others may live, a final testament to his dedication to service; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota mourns the loss of a devoted public servant whose life and service made a lasting impact on the communities he served.

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 buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise to sunset on Monday, December 29, 2025, in honor and remembrance of Timothy Bertz.

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 26th day of December.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE