



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Andy Joe Ziegler honorably served the State of Minnesota and the community of Milaca as a firefighter for 15 years, dedicating his life to protecting others with courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Ziegler was known for always putting the needs of others first, answering every call for help with the words, "Okay, where are you at? I will be there shortly; I am just getting my shoes on," earning the respect of his colleagues and the gratitude of his community; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Ziegler was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and family member who cherished time with his loved ones, whether working on house projects, fixing vehicles, or sharing his love of racing and life's moments with his children and grandchildren; and

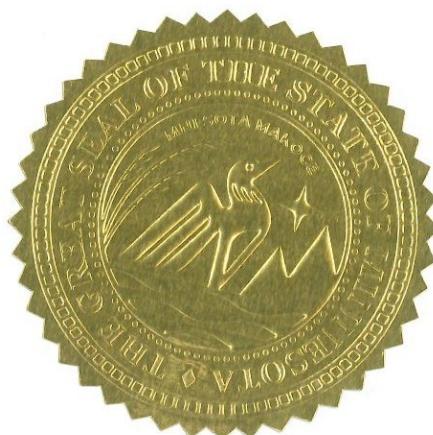
WHEREAS: Firefighter Ziegler tragically passed away on December 28, 2025, leaving behind his wife, Jojean; children, Lexi, Bradley, Jarod, Ryan, and Alita; grandchildren, Elva (Sassy Mae) and Harvey (L.J.); his mother, Annie; siblings, Tyler and Maggie; and numerous other families, friends, and colleagues who mourn his loss; and

WHEREAS: Firefighter Ziegler exemplified selflessness, courage, and dedication throughout his life and service, leaving a profound and lasting impact on his community and all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota joins the Milaca community in mourning the loss of a devoted public servant whose life and service reflected the highest ideals of the firefighting profession.

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 Saturday, January 10, 2026, in honor and remembrance of Andy Ziegler.

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of December.



GOVERNOR

STEVE DAMM  
SECRETARY OF STATE