



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dolly Rebecca Parton was born on January 19, 1946, in Locust Ridge, Tennessee, and emerged to become one of the most beloved and influential artists in the world; and

WHEREAS: Dolly Parton’s career has spanned over six decades, highlighted by major hits such as “Jolene”, “9 to 5”, and “I Will Always Love You,” earning her 11 GRAMMY Awards and a Primetime EMMY Award; and

WHEREAS: Dolly Parton has achieved numerous remarkable milestones throughout her career, earning the #1 country artist of all time by Billboard, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the National Medal of Arts, the Kennedy Center Honors, the GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award, and one of only seven women to win the Country Music Association’s highest honor, Entertainer of the Year; and

WHEREAS: Dolly Parton also rose to incalculable commercial heights, landing 25 songs at number one on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, and 42 top-10 country albums—the most for any artist; and

WHEREAS: Dolly Parton’s legacy extends far beyond music, dedicating much of her life to philanthropy through initiatives like Imagination Library, which has 50 partner locations here in Minnesota, research funding for the COVID-19 vaccine, and recovery efforts for the 2016 Smoky Mountain wildfires, 2022 Middle Tennessee flooding, and Hurricane Helene in 2024; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of her lifetime of generosity and philanthropy, Dolly Parton was awarded with the prestigious Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy in 2022 and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts’s Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award in 2025; and

WHEREAS: Dolly Parton embodied the American dream, rising from poverty and living in a one-bedroom cabin as one of 12 children to become a best-selling singer, songwriter, and iconic figure in pop culture; and

WHEREAS: Dolly Parton passed away on August 25, 2026, after leaving behind an unimpeachable legacy and will be deeply missed by fans across Minnesota and the world.

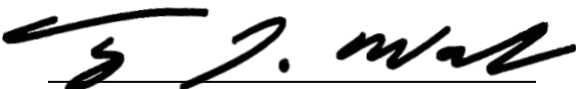
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota immediately in honor and remembrance of Dolly Parton.

DOLLY PARTON 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 25th day of August.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE