

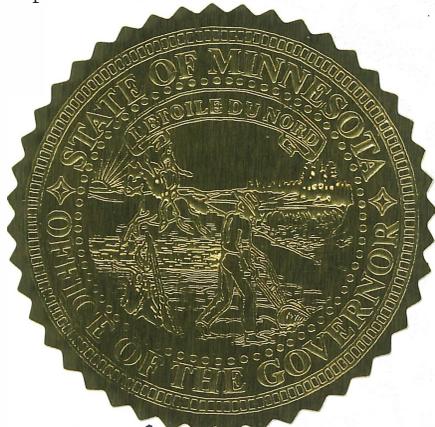


## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Police Officer William "Bill" Mathews was born on May 25, 1970; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Mathews graduated from Pine Island High School and went on to attend Rochester Community College, he graduated from Winona State University where he earned his degree in Law Enforcement; and
- WHEREAS: Prior to becoming a licensed Peace Officer, Officer Mathews served with both the Winona Police Department as a Reserve Officer and the Rochester Police Department as an intern; and
- WHEREAS: He began his career as a Licensed Peace Officer in 1998 with the Zumbrota Police Department, also working part-time with the Olmstead County and Goodhue County Sheriff's Offices; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Mathews began his career with Wayzata Police Department in October 2008, where he was a Firearms Instructor, a Field Training Officer, and a Reserve Coordinator; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Mathews was an exemplary police officer, who was admired and respected by his colleagues, and served with dignity and pride; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Mathews was a family man—a devoted father to son, Wyatt and a loving husband to his wife, Shawn; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Mathews died after being fatally struck by a vehicle in the line of duty on Friday, September 8, 2017; and
- WHEREAS: Officer Mathews is preceded in death by his mother, Jill, and his father-in-law, Robert, and will be remembered and loved by his wife, Shawn; son, Wyatt; father, Robert and mother-in-law, Sandra; brother, Daniel (Nikki), children; Christopher, Ryan and Sara; sister-in-law, Beth (Rory), children, Joe, Christa and Dave; sister-in-law, (Scott), children, Annika, Caden and Bryce; brother-in-law, Craig (Cassie), children, Elsie and Rylan; and many other relatives, friends, and community members; and
- WHEREAS: A celebration of William's life, with full police honors, will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at Wayzata Free Church in Plymouth, Minnesota, followed by interment at Summit Park Cemetery; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Officer William Mathews for his dedicated service to, and sacrifice for, his fellow citizens with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and entire community.

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 Thursday, September 14, 2017, in honor and remembrance of Officer William Mathews.



*Steve Simon*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September.

*Mark Dayton*

GOVERNOR