



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Senator Paul Wellstone always stood strong for the causes and convictions in which he believed; and

WHEREAS: Paul's steadfast faith in Minnesotans allowed him to take principled positions, because he knew they were right, not because he thought they would be popular; and

WHEREAS: Paul was a very successful United States Senator, because of his tireless work on behalf of Minnesotans, and his ability to make special connections with millions of other Americans; and

WHEREAS: Paul was known as the "Conscience of the Senate," for he was eloquent, astute, and principled. He wanted to be a Senator not for himself, but for what he could do for others; and

WHEREAS: Paul and Sheila Wellstone were married for 33 years, and she was his "Rock of Gibraltar," his best friend, and closest confidant; and

WHEREAS: Paul and Sheila were devoted and adoring parents to their children Dave, Marcia, and Mark and to their grandson Josh; and

WHEREAS: Paul did so much to better our state, our country, and our world; and he would have done so much more if he had the chance; and

WHEREAS: Paul Wellstone, his wife Sheila, his daughter Marcia, three close friends and top aides — DFL Associate Chair Mary McEvoy, Tom Lopic, and Will McLaughlin — and two pilots were killed in a terrible plane crash on October 25, 2002; and

WHEREAS: Fifteen years later, so many Minnesotans and other Americans still mourn Paul's loss; for he was irreplaceable as a leader, a politician, and a friend; and

WHEREAS: The special bond between Paul and the people he represented was unbreakable until the end his life and beyond. That bond endures to this day and will for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 25, 2017, as:

WELLSTONE REMEMBRANCE 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 23th day of October.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE