



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Burnsville Police Officer Matthew Ruge died in the line of duty on Sunday, February 18, 2024, while responding to a report of a domestic situation in Burnsville; and

WHEREAS: Officer Matthew Ruge dedicated over three years of service to the Burnsville Police Department. Joining the department in 2020, he was a physical evidence officer and a member of the crisis negotiations team; and

WHEREAS: Officer Matthew Ruge will always be remembered by the colleagues that served with him; and

WHEREAS: It is with deepest gratitude that the State of Minnesota recognizes Officer Matthew Ruge for his dedicated service to, and sacrifice for, his fellow Minnesotans. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and community.

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, starting sunrise on Monday, February 19, 2024, to honor the life of Burnsville Police Officer Matthew Ruge.



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 18th day of February.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon