



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Chief Justice Russell Anderson was born in Bemidji, the son of a gas station owner and a stay-at-home mother, and was the first in his family to attend college, earning a B.A. degree from St. Olaf College, a J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota Law School, and an LL.M degree from George Washington University; and
- WHEREAS: Chief Justice Anderson began a life-long career of public service as a Lieutenant Commander in the Judge Advocate General's Corp of the U.S. Navy; and
- WHEREAS: Chief Justice Anderson continued his career by serving the State of Minnesota for three decades, first as the Beltrami County Attorney, then as a judge on the Ninth District Court, and finally as both a Justice and Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court; and
- WHEREAS: As a judge on the Ninth District Court, Chief Justice Anderson was an early leader in the effort to combat domestic violence, establishing and supporting councils to deal with the tragedy of domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS: Chief Justice Anderson valued justice and fairness for all Minnesotans, never forgetting his Greater Minnesota roots and calling himself a "country trial judge" even as he ascended to the State's highest court; and
- WHEREAS: Chief Justice Anderson was a dedicated advocate for the Minnesota judiciary, upholding the importance of judicial integrity, judicial independence, and the rule of law; and
- WHEREAS: Chief Justice Anderson was a quiet and collaborative leader who lived and breathed the Minnesota Supreme Court's tradition of collegiality, respect, and camaraderie among the Justices, inspiring and training his law clerks who incorporate these lessons in their own careers as judges, deans, private practitioners, and civic and community leaders; and
- WHEREAS: Chief Justice Anderson's civic contributions went far beyond his tenure as a judge and Justice, including service on his school district's education foundation, as the president of his church council, and as a member of the Lion's Club and American Legion; and
- WHEREAS: Justice Anderson's commitment to Minnesota is matched only by his love for his wife Kristin, and their three children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 28, 2019 as:

## RUSSELL ANDERSON 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Peggy Fluke in black ink.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR