



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Philando Divall Castile was born on July 16, 1983, in St. Louis, Missouri, graduating from Central High School in 2001 and working for Saint Paul Public Schools since he was 19 years old; and
- WHEREAS: Philando Castile was a beloved member of the community who worked as a nutrition service supervisor at a school in Saint Paul, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Philando Castile was a kind and gentle soul who was known for his dedication to children and his work in the community; and
- WHEREAS: Philando Castile was a victim of police violence and was tragically killed during a routine traffic stop on July 6, 2016; and
- WHEREAS: We unite as a community to mourn their loss and work toward a more just and equitable society. We also celebrate the resilience and strength of those who have experienced and been impacted by police violence and continue to fight for justice; and
- WHEREAS: Philando Castile's death continues to spark a national conversation about the systemic racism that continues to plague our society; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to honor the life and legacy of Philando Castile and to continue his work of promoting justice, equality, and peace in our communities; and
- WHEREAS: Philando leaves an honorable legacy behind, including the Philando Castile Relief Foundation created by his mother, Valerie Castile, and Philando's family to help pay school lunch debts and provide immediate assistance to families who lose a loved one to gun violence; and
- WHEREAS: Today, we remember Philando Castile and the countless others who have lost their lives to police violence by working toward a future where everyone is treated with dignity, respect, and equality under the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, July 6, and Friday, July 7, 2023, as:

PHILANDO CASTILE REMEMBERANCE DAYS

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 29th day of June.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE