



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Dear Friends and Family of Officer Thomas E. Decker:

Public safety is essential to a safe, just, and prosperous society. Providing safety and security for the millions of people who call Minnesota home is a critical task, and for many in law enforcement, it is a calling that is undertaken with utmost sincerity and commitment. First responders risk their lives to protect and serve knowing they may be called to make the ultimate sacrifice.

I was humbled to hear the story of Officer Thomas E. Decker and his sacrifice in the line of duty while supporting the community he swore to protect. Even as time has passed, your continued dedication to memorializing his life and career is a testament to his character and to the love that you all share in celebrating Officer Decker.

This past November marks ten years since his passing, and I wanted to express my condolences and gratitude to his service to his community. In all, I would like to thank the Officer Tom Decker Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Committee and his family in ensuring that his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Walz".

Tim Walz
Governor