



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Senator Jim Metzen was born, played hockey, and raised a family in South St. Paul where his father, Butch, was a union organizer and Dakota County Commissioner; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Metzen started his career in the banking business, working his way up to become a senior executive at Key Community Bank; and leading the bank since its inception; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Metzen has honorably served in the Legislature since 1975, representing the communities of South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Sunfish Lake, and Inver Grove Heights; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Metzen was president of the Senate from 2003 to 2011 and chaired countless committees including banking, government operations, jobs, ethics, employee relations, and commerce; and
- WHEREAS: During his tenure, Senator Metzen has been a leader on a broad range of issues that touch the lives of Minnesotans across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Metzen was the chief architect of the Mighty Ducks, a grant program that helps upgrade ice arenas, and secured funding for the Kaposia Landing, a reclaimed former landfill site on the banks of the Mississippi River in South St. Paul; and
- WHEREAS: While his work in the Senate is not yet finished, his leadership and voice will be missed; and
- WHEREAS: Today, we honor and celebrate Senator Jim Metzen for his remarkable career in public service and his dedication to improving our government, our community, and our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 13, 2016, as:

## SENATOR JIM METZEN 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR