



# STATE of MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: Corporal Benjamin Stephen Kopp was born on January 20, 1988, and graduated from Rosemount High School on June 6, 2006; and
- WHEREAS: When called upon to serve in the Army during Operation Enduring Freedom, Corporal Kopp put his life on hold; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Kopp served bravely, with honor and distinction while assigned to CCO. 3/75 Ranger Battalion; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Kopp died on July 18, 2009, of wounds received on July 10 in a firefight with the Taliban; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of this great nation are proud of and indebted to his service, accomplishments, and sacrifices; and
- WHEREAS: It is never too late to pay tribute and honor those who answered the call, and it is appropriate and just to recognize the achievements of our brave service members for their sacrifices and service provided in the name of our country; and
- WHEREAS: In recognition of Corporal Kopp, Minnesotans honor and give thanks to his dedication, service, and sacrifice to this great nation; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota will honor this great sacrifice by naming the Ct. Rd. 46 bridge over Hwy 52 in Coates as the Corporal Benjamin Stephen Kopp Memorial Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 2, 2017, as:

## CORPORAL BENJAMIN STEPHEN KOPP DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pimm*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of July.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR



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