



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There is nothing more devastating to a family than the death of a child; and
WHEREAS: Each year, thousands of American's families face the tragedy, of losing their children to illness, injury, or accident; and
WHEREAS: Our whole society experiences this loss as well, for we are all diminished by the death of every one of our young people, whose love, laughter, talents, and achievements bring so much joy to our lives and so much promise to our future; and
WHEREAS: The holiday season is an especially painful time for parents who have lost a child, so it is fitting that we set aside a special day during this month to acknowledge the grief of these families and to pay tribute to the lives and memories of their children; and
WHEREAS: On National Children's Memorial Day, let us all reach out, whether as individuals or as members of caring communities, to offer bereaved families our compassion, support, and understanding.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that, Sunday, December 9, 2001 shall be observed as:

National Children's Memorial Day

in the State of Minnesota and call upon Minnesota citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities in remembrance of the infants, children, teenagers, and young adults who have died and to bring comfort to their families



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 19th day of November in the year two thousand and one, and of the State the one hundred forty-third.

Jesse Ventura
GOVERNOR

Mary Kiffmeyer
SECRETARY OF STATE

