



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Murray Warmath passed away at age 98 on March 16, 2011 in Bloomington, Minnesota after a remarkable life and unforgettable success as Head Coach of the University of Minnesota's football teams for eighteen years; and
- WHEREAS: Coach Warmath became Head Coach at the University of Minnesota in 1954 and led the Gophers, as the team was called then, to its last National Championship in 1960, to two Rose Bowls at the end of the 1960 and 1961 seasons, and to two Big Ten titles in 1960 and 1967; and
- WHEREAS: No Gopher football fan will ever forget the excitement Coach Warmath's teams provided on such Saturdays as November 5, 1960, when his number two-ranked Gophers defeated the number one-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes 27-10 at Memorial Stadium; or on November 4, 1961, when his then-unranked Gophers defeated the number one-ranked Michigan State Spartans 13-0 at Memorial Stadium; and
- WHEREAS: Coach Warmath was recognized by his coaching peers and the national news media as one of the best football coaches of his era, witnessed by his being named the National Football Coach of the Year; and
- WHEREAS: Coach Warmath became a leader among the nation's football coaches for important social change, as one of the first major college coaches to select several minority athletes in a single recruiting class, and whose starting quarterback in 1960 became the country's first African-American All-American quarterback; and
- WHEREAS: Coach Warmath established a standard of excellence for his teams and his players both on and off the football field, which boosted the national reputation of the University of Minnesota, and which should serve as a model for today's coaches in all sports at all colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS: Today the citizens of Minnesota join with Coach Warmath's surviving family members, his many friends, and his countless admirers in remembering his life, recalling his lessons of character and leadership, and expressing their gratitude for his inestimable contributions to our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2011:

MURRAY WARMATH DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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 21st day of March.

GOVERNOR



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