



STATE of MINNESOTA

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WHEREAS:	Carl Lee Eller was born on January 25, 1942, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and
WHEREAS:	In 1964, Carl Eller, a consensus All-American football player with the University of Minnesota, was a first-round draft choice of the National Football League's Minnesota Vikings; and
WHEREAS:	For the next 15 years through 1978, Carl Eller was a fixture in one of pro footballs most effective defensive alignments with the Minnesota Vikings and he finished his career with one final season with the Seattle Seahawks in 1979, having played in 225 regular season games; and
WHEREAS:	Carl Eller went on to become one of the most honored defensive players of his time and was named first- or second-team All-Pro each year from 1967 through 1973; he was All-NFL or All-NFC from 1968 through 1973 and then All-NFC again in 1975; in 1971, he won the George Halas Award as the NFL's leading defensive player and was selected to play in six Pro Bowls, 1969 through 1972, 1974, and 1975; and
WHEREAS:	Carl Eller will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 8, 2004, as:

## CARL ELLER DAY





Sunday, August 8, 2004.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and four, and of the State the one hundred forty-sixth.

GOVERNOR