



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Former President James Earl Carter Jr. was born on October 1, 1924, in Plains, Georgia, to Bessie Lillian Gordy, and James Earl Carter Sr.; and
- WHEREAS: President Carter attended Georgia Southwestern College and Georgia Institute of Technology and received a B.S. degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1946. Following graduation, President Carter served as a submariner in the United States Navy, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, and eventually rose to the rank of Lieutenant. President Carter was chosen for the nuclear submarine program and participated in graduate work at Union College in reactor technology and nuclear physics in addition to serving as senior officer of the pre-commissioning crew of the Seawolf; and
- WHEREAS: In the summer of 1946, President Carter married future first lady Rosalynn Smith. When his father died in 1953, he resigned his naval commission and returned with his family to Georgia. President Carter took over the Carter farms and quickly became a leader of the community, serving on county boards supervising education, the hospital authority, and the library; and
- WHEREAS: In 1962, he won an election to the Georgia State Senate and, in 1971, he became the Governor of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: President Carter served as President from 1977-1981, establishing the Camp David Accords and signing the SALT II nuclear arms reduction Treaty. President Carter became an early leader in addressing the climate crisis and created the Department of Education; and
- WHEREAS: President Carter founded the Carter Presidential Center following his term of office. The center is devoted to issues related to democracy and human rights. President Carter also worked with Habitat for Humanity International, building houses for those in need; and
- WHEREAS: President Carter passed away on December 29, 2024, at his home in Plains, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: President Carter is survived by his children Jack, Chip, Jeff, and Amy; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rosalynn, and one grandchild. He leaves behind a legacy dedicated to supporting and advancing democracy and human rights and working to find peaceful solutions to international conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise on December 30, 2024, until sunset on January 29, 2025, in honor of the life of former President Jimmy Carter.

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 29th day of December.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE