



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Mary Murphy served for 46 years as a state legislator, becoming the longest-serving woman in the history of Minnesota and the second-longest-serving legislator; and
- WHEREAS: Mary graduated from Hermantown High School and The College of St. Scholastica. She then went on to teach American history and social studies at Clover Valley High School and Duluth Central High School while serving as a state legislator; and
- WHEREAS: Mary had an unwavering commitment to her community and was a tireless advocate for those in need. She loved talking about politics and was inspired by the young people she encountered in her career, community, and family; and
- WHEREAS: Mary was passionate about women's rights, labor and advocacy issues, health care, and criminal justice. She sought reform while pursuing equal rights for all people in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Mary was an avid gardener and reader. She enjoyed spending time working on her five-acre property and reading mysteries and biographies, especially those by or about people in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Mary died on December 25, 2024. She is survived by sisters-in-law, Marianne Murphy and Eva Murphy, 12 nieces and nephews, many great nieces and nephews, and many friends; and
- WHEREAS: Mary Murphy was a leader, a trailblazer, a true champion for the Northland, a compassionate friend, and a mentor to many. Her service to our state left a lasting impact and a strong legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 3, 2025, as:

MARY MURPHY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

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 31st day of December.




GOVERNOR


LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR