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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2063**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to state government; establishing an annual observance for 1st Minnesota
- 1.3 Day; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **[10.501] 1ST MINNESOTA DAY.**
- 1.6 (a) July 2 of each year is designated 1st Minnesota Day for the purpose of honoring the
- 1.7 262 men of the 1st Minnesota Regiment who fought for the Union on July 2, 1863,
- 1.8 responding to General Winfield S. Hancock's order to plug a gap in the Union line by
- 1.9 charging at the double-quick with fixed bayonets. In the few minutes of the charge, 215
- 1.10 men were killed. The charge allowed other units to reach and close the gap. The battle and
- 1.11 the sacrifice of these men was an important contribution in saving the Union.
- 1.12 (b) Each year the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring this observance.
- 1.13 (c) Schools are encouraged to offer instruction on the role of the 1st Minnesota Regiment
- 1.14 during the Civil War, including but not limited to sharing the stories of those who fought
- 1.15 to save the Union for freedom and democracy against secession.
- 1.16 (d) On July 2 of each year, the commissioner of administration, in cooperation with the
- 1.17 Minnesota Historical Society, must fly the Minnesota Historical Society's replica of the 1st
- 1.18 Minnesota Regimental flag on the North flag pole of the Minnesota State Capitol in place
- 1.19 of the POW/MIA flag.
- 1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.