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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans

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.