



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pat Kessler will retire from a 36-year career at WCCO-TV on November 24, 2020, after interviewing world leaders, U.S. presidents, federal and state politicians, and everyday Minnesotans with respect and truthfulness; and
- WHEREAS: Kessler's name is synonymous with political reporting after decades of dedication to civic responsibility, while still remaining excited to "witness history" day after day; and
- WHEREAS: Kessler's passion and enthusiasm helped Minnesotans understand the work their government was doing on their behalf; and
- WHEREAS: Kessler's signature segment "Reality Check" made him a force to be reckoned with at the State Capitol and beyond. He is both beloved and feared by all political parties; and
- WHEREAS: He has received local and national awards for his reporting which only underscores the quality and importance of his work; and
- WHEREAS: His Minnesota pride includes his deep devotion to the Minnesota Golden Gophers, a true enthusiasm for the Minnesota State Fair, and appreciation for the music of Prince and Bob Dylan; and
- WHEREAS: Kessler's humility and sense of humor made him an ideal colleague both in and out of the newsroom and State Capitol; and
- WHEREAS: Pat Kessler was once touched by the Dalai Lama; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is proud to call Pat Kessler their own.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 24, 2020, as:

PAT KESSLER 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 23rd day of November.

GOVERNOR



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR