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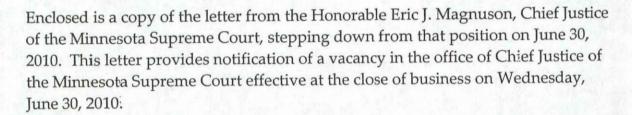
Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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March 12, 2010

The Honorable Mark Ritchie Secretary of State 174 State Office Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Ritchie:



Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty Governor

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March 11, 2010

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty
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State of Minnesota
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty:

It has been my privilege to serve as Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court for the past two years. I have found the position to be both challenging and rewarding. However, for reasons personal to me and my family, I have decided to step down and return to private practice. My last date of service will be June 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Magnuson Chief Justice

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cc: Associate Justice Alan C. Page

Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson Associate Justice Helen M. Meyer Associate Justice G. Barry Anderson Associate Justice Lorie S. Gildea

Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen