★StarTribune SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019 · VARIETY · E10 JANUARY FEBRUARY JUNE JULY SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER MARCH APRIL MAY AUGUST 100° Hottest day of Average temperature Average temp at MSP Summerlike warm spell Cold and damp April the year (May 28) was 3.9° above normal was 2.7° above normal. and severe storms. The month was colder and broke the previoius wetter than normal with 14th-coldest month on record of 98° set in 1938 record in Minn. That's 4.1° nearly twice as much cooler than the 30-year precipitation. average (3.1° at MSP). It was also very damp. An average March day of all time Colder than normal The month staved in the (July 14, 1936) November was 5.5° normal temperature range. cooler than normal. February brrrrrr, with 18 days of highs and lows below normal. Warmer than normal December was 6° to 9° January 22 A snowstorm above normal statewide dumped 12.4 inches at MSP, prompting an executive order from the governor to help stranded motorists. 75° average temp 25 tornadoes in south central Minn Second warmest May following the fourth coldest April. The Twin Cities finished with the 15th-warmest summe (June-August) on record (1871-2018), mainly driven by warm overnight minimum temperatures. **2018 TWIN CITIES DAILY TEMPERATURES** A LOT OF WINTER AND SUMMER 24 days of highs and lows - Record high temp In 2018, Minnesotans had plenty of winter and summer, with almost no room for spring or fall. We were above the 30-year average hammered by major snowstorms through mid-spring, with April finishing as both the snowiest and fourth **Normal range** (30-year avg. 1981-2010) coldest on record in the Twin Cities. Many lakes still had ice cover on May 1, but a run of six straight days - Daily high January thaws, with at or above 90 degrees, including a rare 100 degrees reading on Memorial Day, helped May end as the ~ 14 days of highs and lows second warmest on record. It remained warmer than average through September, with yet another 17 days of highs and lows Daily low below the 30-year average reversal leading to generally cold conditions and an early return to winter in October and November. Precipitation was near or below average May through August, but heavy rains in September and October Record low temp propelled 2018 to a total of 33.57 inches, 2.96 inches above normal. All data collected at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Summary provided by MN DNR State Climatology Office - Graphic by RAY GRUMNEY International Airport (MSP) -41° All-time coldest day (Jan. 21, 1888)

Note: Highs and lows are in bold

MONTHLY PRECIPITATION AND SNOWFALL TOTALS Six months in 2018 had higher-than-normal precipitation levels, making it slightly wetter than average.

MONTHLY HIGH/AVERAGE TEMPERATURES 7 months in 2018 were warmer than the 30-year average. Overall, the average temperature for the year was perfectly normal.