



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The liberties, freedom, prosperity, and security Americans are blessed with are preserved through a strong national defense; and
- WHEREAS: Whenever called upon to defend our nation's security at home or abroad, the men and women who serve in the active service components of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard and Reserves, have responded immediately and effectively, placing national interests above their own personal safety; and
- WHEREAS: Currently, there are more than 21 million veterans in the United States. Throughout time, more than one million U.S. Military personnel have selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country, and more than 1.5 million have been wounded; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 369,000 veterans; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has developed a national model Yellow Ribbon and Patriot Network of enthusiastic dedicated employers who strive to recruit, hire and promote successful Veteran employees; and
- WHEREAS: When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill into law in 1944, he observed that more than anything else, American servicemen and servicewomen wanted "the assurance of satisfactory employment" upon their return to civilian life; and
- WHEREAS: Veterans have a fast learning curve and possess many transferrable skills; have experience working with advanced technology; are proven leaders; have demonstrated teamwork; work well under pressure; and triumph over adversity; and
- WHEREAS: Today, veterans desire these same economic opportunities, and bring to the modern workplace the skills, education, leadership, maturity, and dedication they have learned in their military service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2015, as:

HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 3rd day of June.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR