STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The men and women of our Armed Forces are being called to duty with more and more frequency, we must not forget the sacrifices they are making every day. Moreover, we must not forget the unsung heroes of the military, their spouses, and family members who have sacrificed just as much in defense of this great nation; and

WHEREAS: Spouses and family members, as well as our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, bear an enormous burden throughout the deployment cycle, having to not only carry the load of a loved one in harm's way, but also continue to conduct day-to-day duties in support of their family and their military member; and

WHEREAS: Support of the Military is at an all time high, with communities across Minnesota showing support for our troops with yellow ribbons, flags, and saying "thank you." Your company has gone above and beyond, building an enduring network throughout key areas in support of Service Members and families that will be in place long after the yellow ribbons are untied, and bringing great pride to the people of Minnesota and the great United States; and

WHEREAS: Through the efforts of the people of Mall of America, military members and their families enjoy peace of mind knowing they have the appreciation, love, and support of people in this company; and

WHEREAS: The *Yellow Ribbon Recognition Program* pays tribute to those companies with an exceptional record of caring, commitment, and compassion for their military members and families through various policies, procedures, and public works. It is with this commitment to caring that the company of Mall of America will serve with honor and distinction as a Yellow Ribbon Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the company of Mall of America to be a:

YELLOW RIBBON COMPANY

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 6th day of January.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE