STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Men and women of our Armed Forces have been called to duty and we must not forget the sacrifices they have made. Moreover, we must not forget the unsung heroes of the Military, spouses and family members, who have sacrificed so much in defense of this great nation; and

WHEREAS: Military spouses and family members bear an enormous burden throughout military service, carrying the load of a loved one in harm's way, and conducting day-to-day duties in support of their family and service 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 community has gone above and beyond, building an enduring network in support of service members, veterans, and their families, which will be in place long after the yellow ribbons are untied, and bringing great pride to the people of Minnesota and the United States; and

WHEREAS: Because of the efforts of the people of Elko New Market, service members, veterans, and their families enjoy peace of mind knowing they have the appreciation, love, and support of people in Minnesota and the nation; and

WHEREAS: The *Yellow Ribbon Recognition Program* pays tribute to those communities with an exceptional record of caring, commitment, and compassion for service members, veterans, and their families through various programs and public works. It is with this commitment to caring that the community of Elko New Market will serve with honor and distinction as a Yellow Ribbon City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the City of Elko New Market, Minnesota to be a:

YELLOW RIBBON CITY

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 14th day of July.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE