



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The liberties, freedom, prosperity, and security of Americans are blessed with and 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 United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, 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 our history, more than 1 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: The State of Minnesota is home to 369,000 veterans who have bravely served our country; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has developed a national model: the 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 learn fast 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 2016, as:

## HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pimm*

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June.

*Mark Dayton*

GOVERNOR