## STATE of MINNESOTA



## TIM PAWLENTY GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 07-06** 



## PROVIDING RECOGNITION TO NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS

I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable laws do hereby issue this executive order:

WHEREAS, the members of the Minnesota National Guard have made significant sacrifices to protect and serve Minnesota through State Active Duty, by helping Minnesotans protect their communities from floods and fires, recover from tornadoes, and serve the elderly in state nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota National Guard's long service to the state spans more than 150 years, pre-dating the establishment of the state itself; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Minnesota National Guard has responded to more than 324 emergencies and committed in excess if 785,700 troop-days to the support, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the state military awards program has not been reviewed or updated by the state since 1959; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to last award update, the active component military forces have added awards to recognized excellence of service members, particularly the efforts of more junior service members through the Army and Air Force Achievement Medals; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota National Guard should have the capability to recognize its service members with an award of similar precedence for service to the state during emergences; and

NOW, THEREFORE, through the powers invested in me by Minnesota Statutes, Section 192.23 (2006), I hereby order that The Adjutant General prepare a new General Order establishing a Minnesota Achievement Ribbon for the purpose of recognizing excellence in performance of duty while serving in a state role or for service conducted while in State Active Duty status.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Executive Order will be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and will remain in effect until June 30, 2008.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 23rd day of May, 2007.

TIM PAWLENTY

Governor

Filed According to Law:

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Secretary of State