



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Veterans make significant contributions to the State of Minnesota and the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS: The active and selfless participation of members of all races, genders, creeds, and national origins in the United States Army and Armed Forces contributes to the strength of our nation and our state; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Army wishes to honor and acknowledge the achievements and sacrifice of Veterans in Minnesota and recognize the strength that our diversity gives us as an Army, state, and nation; and
- WHEREAS: The contributions of Veterans who represent Minnesotans from every walk of life help make us the best state we can be; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Army encourages participation in Service to Country for all qualified Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Army is a "giving guest" in Minnesota high schools and colleges, undertaking an initiative to bring together resources and partners for events in schools and communities throughout the Twin Cities to recognize the service of Veterans and the diversity of our Army.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 7-11, 2011 as:

MINNESOTANS SALUTE VETERANS AND DIVERSITY WEEK

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage schools, businesses, individuals, state and local governments, and local community providers to work together to promote awareness of the many contributions of Veterans and the value of diversity in our communities.



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 26th day of October.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE