



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: We pay tribute today to the heroic men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families; and

WHEREAS: Across the nation and in the State of Minnesota we set aside this day to thank those who undertake the great responsibility of defending our liberties and protecting democracy; and

WHEREAS: We honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for this great nation; and

WHEREAS: Durable and sustainable peace is made possible, in part, through the efforts of the Armed Forces, both past and present, and their families; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Armed Forces are forging a better future for our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America and the State of Minnesota express our gratitude for the devotion of the Armed Forces and family members to this nation; and

WHEREAS: They serve our nation with dignity, courage, and pride in duty stations throughout the world and the freedoms we enjoy today would not be possible without their bravery, pride, courage and sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 20, 2017, as:

## ARMED FORCES DAY

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE