

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The liberties, freedom, prosperity, and security of Americans are 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 our 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

 $enthus iastic \ dedicated \ employers \ who \ strive \ to \ recruit, hire, and \ promote \ successful \ Veteran$ 

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

 $\mbox{\it employment"}$  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

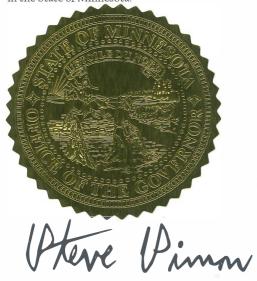
WHEREAS: Today, veterans desire these same economic opportunities, and bring to the modern workplace the

skills, education, leadership, maturity, and dedication they have learned in their military service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July, 2017, as:

## HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

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  $16^{\rm th}$  day of June.

