



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The United States of America was founded upon the belief that all people should enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty, and Minnesota is home to more than 353,000 veterans and service members; 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: The debt all citizens owe to America's veterans and service members can never be fully repaid—no mere day, month, or observance can sufficiently serve to honor those Americans and those Minnesotans who dedicated their lives to defending the principles of freedom and liberty for all; and
- WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper that we recognize and appreciate all that has been given and sacrificed by America's veterans and service Members and their families in order to ensure that all can enjoy these principles; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is a proud employer of nearly 3,000 veterans and service members; and
- WHEREAS: Veterans bring valuable skills to post-military employment, including: experience working with advanced technology, demonstrated leadership and teamwork skills, and the ability to work well under pressure and triumph over adversity; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to utilizing their expertise by actively recruiting and retaining veterans and service members; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Honors You campaign is an opportunity to acknowledge, support, and extend appreciation to our Veterans and Service Members of the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2017, as:

## VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS APPRECIATION 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE