



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half of the United States' military strength; they are essential to our national security. National Guard Members and Reservists stand ready to answer the call to serve as part of our frontline fighting force and during humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: Employers provide critical support to members of the National Guard and Reservists, allowing citizen warriors to serve whenever the nation calls, often at great personal and financial sacrifice; and

WHEREAS: More than 41 years after President Richard Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, employer support is stronger than ever; and

WHEREAS: Our nation is indebted to all citizen warriors who leave the comforts of home to protect the freedoms Americans enjoy. Likewise, the State of Minnesota pays special tribute to the commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service in the National Guard and Reserve component forces possible; and

WHEREAS: Over 120 volunteers with the Minnesota Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve help Minnesota employers and National Guard and Reservists access resources and critical support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 22 - 28, 2013, as:

EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK

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 19th day of September.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE