



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Many brave men and women have answered the call to defend our nation and the values and freedoms for which we stand; and

WHEREAS: Veterans, active duty service members, and military families deserve our immense gratitude for their sacrifice and commitment; and

WHEREAS: Since 2008, over 290 cities, counties, businesses, and non-profits have joined Minnesota's "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" program, and are now providing community support and employment assistance to veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to set aside this day to thank those who undertake the great responsibility of defending our liberties and protecting democracy; and

WHEREAS: Durable and sustainable peace is made possible, in part, through the efforts of our military members, both past and present, and their families, forging a better future for our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans express gratitude for the devotion of the Armed Forces and their family members to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS: 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 Tuesday, August 30, 2016, as:

MILITARY APPRECIATION 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 29th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE