



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The men and women of our armed forces have been called to duty and we must not forget the sacrifices they have made; and
- WHEREAS: We must not forget the unsung heroes of the military, spouses and family members, who have sacrificed so much in defense of this great nation; and
- WHEREAS: Military spouses and family members bear an enormous burden throughout military service, carrying the load of a loved one in harm's way and conducting day-to-day duties in support of their family and service member; and
- WHEREAS: Xcel Energy has gone above and beyond, building an enduring network in support of service members, veterans, and their families, which will be in place long after the homecoming yellow ribbons are untied, and bringing great pride to the people of Minnesota and the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Because of the efforts of Xcel Energy, service members, veterans, and their families enjoy peace of mind knowing they have the appreciation, love, and support of people in Minnesota and the nation; and
- WHEREAS: The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program pays tribute to those companies with an exceptional record of caring, commitment, and compassion for service members, veterans, and their families through various programs and public works; and
- WHEREAS: It is with this commitment to caring that Xcel Energy will serve with honor and distinction as a Yellow Ribbon Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Xcel Energy to be a:

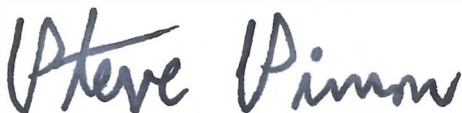
YELLOW RIBBON COMPANY

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 11th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE