



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The term "Gold Star" began during World War I when American families displayed flags in their homes, businesses, schools, and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and

WHEREAS: Today, we recognize the sacrifices that all Gold Star family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved one dies in active service to the nation; and

WHEREAS: Less than one percent of all Americans serve in our military; we have a solemn obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women and ensure their families are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS: During the month of May, the State of Minnesota honors those who have lost a family member while in active service in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota renews our commitment to Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as:

GOLD STAR AWARENESS 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 24th day of April.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pimm in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE