



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The liberties, freedom, prosperity, and security Americans are blessed with are preserved through a strong national defense; and

WHEREAS: Whenever called upon to defend our national security at home or abroad, the men and women who serve in the active service components of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard and Reserves, have responded immediately and effectively, placing national interests above their own personal safety; and

WHEREAS: Each day, our men and women in uniform put their lives at risk in order to secure the blessings of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS: More than 48 million of these citizen-soldiers have served the United States of America. More than 1 million have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country, and more than 1.5 million have been wounded; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to nearly 400,000 honorably discharged Veterans; and

WHEREAS: When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill into law in 1944, he observed that more than anything else, American servicemen and servicewomen wanted "the assurance of satisfactory employment" upon their return to civilian life; and

WHEREAS: Veterans have a fast learning curve and possess many transferable skills; have experience working with advanced technology; are proven leaders; have demonstrated teamwork; work well under pressure; and triumph over adversity; and

WHEREAS: Today, Veterans desire these same economic opportunities, and bring to the modern workplace the skills, education, leadership, maturity, and dedication they have learned in their military service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2012 as:

HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 31st day of May.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR