



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half of our nation's military strength, and are essential to national security. Reserve forces stand ready to answer the call to serve, whether serving alongside active duty counterparts around the world, or responding to humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: Employers provide critical support to members of the National Guard and Reserve, allowing citizen warriors to serve whenever the Nation calls, often foregoing financial gain and making sacrifices in the process; and

WHEREAS: Employer support is stronger than ever, more than 42 years after President Richard Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); and

WHEREAS: Our nation is in debt to the citizen warriors leaving the comforts of home to ensure our freedoms remain intact. Likewise, the United States pays special tribute to the commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service in the National Guard and Reserve possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 21-27, 2014, 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 18th day of September.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE