



# STATE *of* MINNESOTA

- 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: Minnesota is home to over 369,000 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 transferrable skills; have experience working with advanced technology; are proven leaders; and 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 2015, as:

## HIRE A VETERAN 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR

*Steve Pimm*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

