



A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By **Colvin Roy, Reich, Gordon, Hofstede, Johnson, Samuels, Lilligren,  
Goodman, Glidden, Schiff, Tuthill, Quincy and Hodges**

**Minneapolis to Be Proclaimed Yellow Ribbon Community**

Whereas, Service Members, Veterans and their families make tremendous sacrifices and take great risks to serve our country and the values it represents: liberty, freedom and justice; and

Whereas, Service Members and Veterans make up approximately 13 percent of the City's workforce, and more than an estimated 21,000 Service Members, Veterans and their family members live in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Service Members and Veterans need access to education, financial planning, health care, community awareness, quality employment and support for their families; and

Whereas, the Resiliency in National Guard Soldiers Study demonstrated that the No. 1 concern of deployed Service Members is, "Who is taking care of my family?"; and

Whereas, the Yellow Ribbon Recognition Program helps meet the needs of Service Members, Veterans, military families and employers at the local level by creating a comprehensive network that connects and coordinates agencies, organizations, resources and employers; and

Whereas, the program engages local government, the business community, faith-based organizations, medical providers, veterans service organizations and other community partners to create a sustainable action plan to help meet those needs; and

Whereas, this actual and visible support helps returning Service Members successfully transition to life at home and helps build a strong, compassionate community that will embrace and honor those affected by deployment; and

Whereas, the Yellow Ribbon Recognition Program is recognized by the state, and Minnesota currently has more than 100 proclaimed communities; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis and community partners have developed an Action Plan which has been approved by the State of Minnesota making Minneapolis the largest Yellow Ribbon Community in the State,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:**

That it will work with community partners to celebrate the occasion of being proclaimed as a Yellow Ribbon Community and will respectfully request lighting of the 35W bridge to honor this occasion and to bring awareness to this network of support.

Passed, November 1, 2013

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Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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R.T. Rybak, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk