



**Office of the Mayor  
New Prague, Minnesota**

**Beyond The Yellow Ribbon South of the River  
Recognition of Students Entering the Military**

**Whereas,** The United States military supports the freedoms upon which our country was founded; and

**Whereas,** Entering in the military is a noble and important career choice -- almost 2.5 million people serve in the active and reserve branches of the military; and

**Whereas,** The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon organization is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting our nation's military, which includes the local Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and military veteran communities; and

**Whereas,** The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's volunteer forces assist active-duty military members, veterans and their families with household chores ranging from babysitting, cleaning to household maintenance; and

**Whereas,** Beyond the Yellow Ribbon also connects veterans with state, local and federal organizations who provide assistance to veterans who are looking to enter the workforce upon completion of military service; and

**Whereas,** The New Prague community joins with the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon organization to honor students who choose to enter the military; and

**Whereas,** The United States Congress, in 2004, passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, a special month to honor both those in and out of the military;

**Now Therefore,** I, Duane J. Jirik, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, proclaim May 25-31, 2025 as

**Military Appreciation Week**

**with a special emphasis on students who have selected careers in the military**

and urge my fellow citizens to observe this period by thanking young people in our community who have chosen to enter the military profession in support of our freedoms, health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

PROCLAIMED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Duane J. Jirik, Mayor