

# CITY OF BLAINE, MINNESOTA



## PROCLAMATION

### HIDDEN HEROES IN SUPPORT OF BLAINE'S MILITARY AND VETERAN CAREGIVERS

**WHEREAS**, the series of wars and conflicts in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2014 RAND study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the daily tasks of these military and veteran caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing, and caring for the grievous injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

**WHEREAS**, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

**WHEREAS**, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Blaine hereby recognizes, supports and thanks those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Blaine to be affixed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019

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Tom Ryan, Mayor