



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By **Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame, Goodman,
Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson and Palmisano**

Recognizing the Centennial Commemoration of the Navy Reserve

WHEREAS, Since the birth of our great Nation, brave citizens have answered the call to service at sea from the proposition of a national naval militia by Thomas Jefferson in 1805, through the Civil War which saw these units augmented in support of the Navy, to the Spanish-American War in 1898 in which 4,215 militia men supported the Navy; and

WHEREAS, in 1915 Congress officially established the Federal Navy Reserve; and

WHEREAS, for the last 100 years since the official establishment of the Navy Reserve, Navy Reserve Sailors have participated in every conflict with more than 300,000 serving in World War I, more than two million serving in World War II including former Presidents John F. Kennedy and George H. W. Bush, 130,000 serving in Korea, one out of every seven sailors serving in Vietnam, over 22,000 mobilizing for the first Gulf War, 1,500 serving in Bosnia and Kosovo; and

WHEREAS, with over 70,000 Navy Reserve Sailors mobilized since September 2001 to support the Global War on Terrorism, the Navy Reserve of today is ready, trained, and aligned and integrated with the Active Duty Force; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Navy Reserve is to provide strategic depth and deliver operational capabilities to our Navy and Marine Corps team, and Joint Forces, from peace to war; and

WHEREAS, Navy Reserve Sailors are patriots who balance the demands of family, community, civilian employment, and military readiness, hailing from local communities in every state representing the interests of our Nation, connected to the American people and embodying the spirit of the American ideal; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has 1,139 actively serving Navy Reserve Sailors and Marines operating out of the Navy Operational Support Center in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, the Navy Reserve in Minnesota has a long and distinguished history of service including sailors who drilled and served aboard the USS Paducah in Duluth; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished history of service by Navy Reservists in Minnesota was highlighted by the sailors from St. Paul, Minnesota, who while serving aboard the USS Ward on December 7, 1941, and patrolling off the entrance to Pearl Harbor used the #3 gun now memorialized on the Minnesota Capitol Lawn to fire the first shot of WWII; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by The Mayor and The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

Hereby declare the Centennial Commemoration of the Navy Reserve, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, saluting the valuable contributions of Navy Reserve Sailors from the State of Minnesota.

Passed, February 27, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk