

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE  
NORTHERN DAKOTA COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE  
“BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON”  
VETERANS AND SERVICE FAMILY NETWORK**

**WHEREAS**, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) is a nationally recognized organization whose purpose is to provide support and advocacy for active duty service people and their dependents, and disabled and retired veterans of the United States armed forces; and

**WHEREAS**, active and retired service people and their dependents in Northern Dakota County have been in need of a local chapter of BTYR to provide the necessary programs for community support, training, services and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in July 2019, representatives of the Cities of Lilydale, Mendota, West St. Paul, and Mendota Heights have met to investigate the formation of a single BTYR group which could provide veteran and active service member support throughout the four cities; and

**WHEREAS**, those representatives researched, compiled, and submitted a comprehensive Action Plan describing available resources, plans, and goals for a BTYR group to serve locally, which included plans to work with educational institutions, faith communities, health care facilities, and municipalities and other governmental units; and

**WHEREAS**, while waiting for the application to be considered by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, the formative Northern Dakota County BTYR group has provided fiscal and physical support to individual veterans and their families, meals, and deployment and return from active duty recognition ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2020, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs notified the group that its Action Plan had been approved and that, henceforth, it would be officially recognized as the *Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of West St. Paul that it hereby congratulates the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network on its official recognition by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby designates West St. Paul to be a participating and active member of the Northern Dakota County BTYR Network, and that the City of West St. Paul will provide applicable support to this chapter.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

Attest:

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David J. Napier, Mayor

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Shirley R Buecksler, City Clerk