

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #831
FOREST LAKE, MN
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Many families support their military service members who are serving in the United States and overseas to protect the values and freedom enjoyed by the citizens of the United States of America, and;

WHEREAS, a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community Group has been formed in an effort to assist connecting local military family members with a community network of support that is understood and trusted by military families, where military residents and their families are recognized and can access information and services to assist them during the deployment cycle and is sustainable for future military families as deployment becomes necessary, and;

WHEREAS, this Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community Group will build on the existing strength of our community and organizations by continuing to support awareness and addressing the needs of spouses and children throughout the deployment, deployment-reintegration process and through extended periods after homecoming in ways to lessen their burden while a family member is deployed or is impacted by their service to community and country, and;

WHEREAS, We believe the effects of deployment do not end when the soldier returns home and the family is reunited; this process takes months for some families and years for others; We believe the ultimate vision of the community is to offer support to military families and honor them in our midst, and;

WHEREAS, the Forest Lake Area School Board and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community Group encourage key groups of the community service members and their families to be proactive and work in harmony to develop a program which empowers community synchronization of effort and build an enduring and sustainable network of support.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of our school district, the Forest Lake Area School Board is proud to recognize, appreciate and say Thank You to our military members and their families for their service sacrifices and in all they do.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Lake Area School Board does fully support the efforts of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community Group to support our military members and their families while defending the democratic values of the United States of America.

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2011

Rob Rapheal, Board President

Karen Morehead, Clerk