**190.001 POLICY STATEMENT.**

In recognition of the necessity of maintaining a strong military force for the protection and survival of this state and nation and of free and democratic allied societies throughout the world, and of the numerous and varied sacrifices required of military personnel and their families both in peacetime and war, and of the exemplary character, courage, leadership, and training of United States armed forces personnel of all generations, it is the policy of the state of Minnesota to promulgate, implement, and maintain laws, policies, rules, and procedures, insofar as is practicable and beneficial to the people of this state and within available resources as may exist at any time, that encourage, recognize, and reward honorable military service to this state and nation, whether in regular active service or in the National Guard or other reserve component service, during both peacetime and war. This includes, but is not limited to, policies supportive of the physical and mental health needs of returning veterans.

**History:** *2006 c 273 s 5*