

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3321**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA, PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF RED LODGE AS A YELLOW RIBBON COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana recognizes that the Service Members of the United States Armed Forces sacrifice many of their personal freedoms, both in times of peace as well as in times of conflict, to ensure the protection and continued enjoyment of all our freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council recognizes that the sacrifices made by the Service Member are made possible by the primary support of their Family Members and the tertiary support of the Citizenry as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council recognizes that thousands of Montanans are affected by military deployments, many of whom hail from our geographic region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council recognizes that the City of Red Lodge is uniquely blessed as a 'Resort Community' where both natural and man-made features provide an environment where Service Members and their Families can find support, relax, and reconnect as part of the transition resulting from military deployments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of all our Service Members and their immediate Families to elevate our commitment by ensuring that coordinated and comprehensive support is available to Service Members and their Families from the City of Red Lodge, our Business Community and Citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council is aware of community based programs and services initiated in the State of Minnesota and advocated by the Montana National Guard to assist our Service Members and their Families in the transitions leading up to, during, and upon returning from deployment.

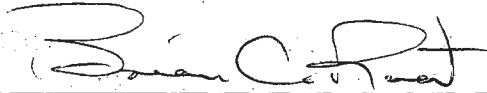
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA:**

1. That the City of Red Lodge, Montana shall be henceforth known and identified as a "Yellow Ribbon Community".
2. That the City Council shall assist in the creation and operation of a Yellow Ribbon Steering Committee.

3. That a member of the Red Lodge City Council shall be appointed to serve on the Red Lodge Yellow Ribbon Community Steering Committee. That this member shall at a minimum, annually provide a report to the full Council on the needs and accomplishments of the Yellow Ribbon Program.
4. That the Mayor is authorized to utilize City Staff and Resources to further the objectives and goals of the Yellow Ribbon Community Program.
5. That this resolution shall remain binding upon the Governing Body until such time as it is repealed by a majority of Council members attending a regular meeting or duly noticed special meeting of the City Council.

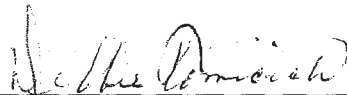
PASSED and APPROVED by the Red Lodge City Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011.

FOR THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA



Brian C. Roat, Mayor

Attest:



Debbie Tomicich, City Clerk