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211 Northeast Michigan Supports Veteran Employees

211 Northeast Michigan signed a Statement of Support as part of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense program. The Statement of Support, signed by Brad Blanchard, 211 Northeast Michigan board member confirms that the organization joins other employers across the nation in pledging to provide managers and supervisors with the tools they need to effectively manage employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve, to continue to appreciate the unique skills service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to hire Guardsmen, Reservists and Veterans and to continually recognize and support our country's service members and their families, in peace, in crises and in war.

211 Northeast Michigan joins a cadre of Fortune 500 companies, state and federal agencies and tens-of-thousands of America's employers in demonstrating support for our armed forces. "The ESGR's pledge helps to solidify the honor 211 to those who serve our country" said Brad Blanchard, 211 Northeast Michigan Board member and Great Lakes Bay Veteran Coalition Director. "211 Northeast Michigan has a great reputation of serving our area's veterans; this commitment falls in line with the character of the agency" said Blanchard.

ESGR seeks to foster a culture where all employers support and value the employment and military service of National Guard and Reserve members. Join thousands of employers by signing a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve and display it prominently for all your employees and visitors to see. For more information about ESGR, its outreach programs or volunteer opportunities, call 800-336-4590 or visit www.ESGR.mil.

211 Northeast Michigan has been committed to providing service to veterans since inception and employs a veteran resource specialist. This specialist is trained to connect our veterans to local, state and national resources that are available to those who are serving or have served in the US Military. For more information on how your business can sign a statement of support visit www.esgr.mil. 2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people in need with people who can help. Free, anonymous, and confidential information and referrals are offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by dialing 2-1-1, chatting with us online at www.211nemichigan.org or texting TXT211.

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