

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECOGNITION DAY

Whereas, March 25, 2004 officially represents the establishment of "National Medal of Honor Recognition Day" in the State of Delaware; and

Whereas, this date originally established by Congress, honors all recipients of the National Medal of Honor regardless of race, creed, or national origin; and

Whereas, the establishment of "National Medal of Honor Recognition Day" is significant in that on that date in 1863, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton awarded the first Medal of Honor to Pvt. Jacob Parrott and five others; and

Whereas, the National Medal of Honor is the highest award a service person can receive for action involving actual conflict with an enemy, distinguishing oneself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of one's own life, above and beyond the call of duty.

Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor, and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare March 25 2004

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to join us in the observance of this special occasion which recognizes not only the resolve of these individuals, but celebrates their contributions as well as their selfless devotion in making this nation, as well as the First State, a better, safer place to live.

Ruth Ann Minner, Governor

John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor

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