

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECOGNITION DAY

*Whereas*, March 25, 2007 officially represents the establishment of "National Medal of Honor Recognition Day" in the State of Delaware; and

*Whereas*, Congress established this date in perpetuity to honor all recipients of the 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 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, 2007*

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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 and selfless devotion to make this state and nation a safer place to call home.

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*Ruth Ann Minner  
Governor*

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*John C. Carney, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor*

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