

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF DELAWARE GOLD STAR FAMILIES DAY

Whereas, the Gold Star Families comprise of individuals whose loved ones served in the military during the period including the build-up to the war in Iraq (Fall, 2002) to the present, and were killed or died; and

Whereas, Gold Star Families received their name based on the Gold Star Lapel Button presented by the U.S. Department of Defense to the immediate family of military personnel who lost their lives in a combat theatre or act of terrorism while serving in the United States Military; and

Whereas, all Gold Star Families have suffered a tremendous loss; and it is the duty of our State and Nation to bring honor and remembrance to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who remain behind - continuing to live with that sacrifice; and

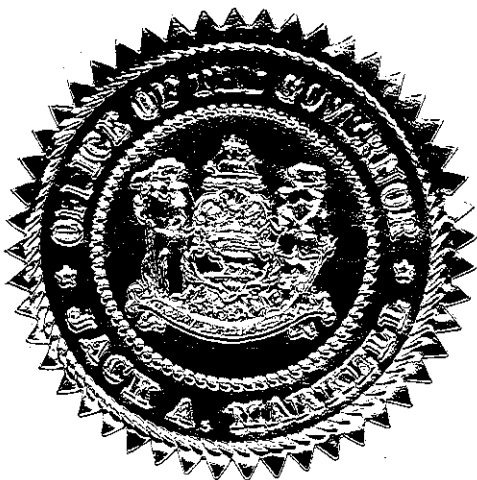
Whereas, in the State of Delaware, the Week of November 8th – November 14th, 2009, was declared MILITARY HERITAGE WEEK; and

Whereas, this very week concludes with a memorial to those who died and the families that continue to live with their supreme offering.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare November 14th, 2009,*

DELAWARE GOLD STAR FAMILIES DAY

in the State of Delaware, and call on all individuals throughout the State to join in commemorating those who gave all, and support the loved ones that continue to give in our midst.



Jack Markell

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Lieutenant Governor

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