

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Memorial Day was first officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan in his General Order Number 11, and in 1968, by act of Congress, it was determined that the holiday would be observed on the last Monday in May; and*

WHEREAS, *from the opening battles of the American Revolution through the turmoil of the Civil War, to World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, to the Persian Gulf and today's operations in the war on terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world, the members of our military have built a tradition of honorable and faithful service. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember the more than one million Americans who have died to preserve our freedom, the more than 140,000 citizens who were prisoners of war, and all those who were declared missing in action. We also honor our veterans for their dedication to America and their sacrifice; and*

WHEREAS, *we have honor and privilege of living in a free country, and Georgia has a rich history of great leaders who died fighting for our great nation. Today, all who wear the uniform of the United States are serving at a crucial hour in history, and each has answered a great call to serve our Nation on the front lines of freedom. Let us pray for the safety and strength of our troops and for God's blessing on them and their families, and for those who have lost loved ones; and*

WHEREAS, *on this Memorial Day, we honor our fallen soldiers, and their commitment to our country, and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifices of many men and women who answered the nation's call to duty and fought with honor and valor and, in the end, gave the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard the rights of all Americans; and*

WHEREAS, *by giving their lives in the cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired all Americans and we are truly grateful for the sacrifice; and*

WHEREAS, *the citizens of Milton join with people across the nation in remembrance of those who died while courageously serving their country during war.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *We, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton, do hereby recognize and proclaim Monday, May 26, 2008, as Memorial Day in the City of Milton and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.*

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 19th day of May, 2008.



Joe Lockwood, Mayor