

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, thousands of Americans and citizens of eighty countries were killed in a terrorist attack on the United States; and

WHEREAS, America has responded to the terrorist attack by leading an international effort to end terrorism; and

WHEREAS, victory in the battle against terrorism will be achieved due to the courage, sacrifice, and commitment of Americans, principally the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has ordered military action against Iraq in response to its refusal to comply with international obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hardin County, regardless of whether they support the foreign policy of this or any administration, believe in providing a compassionate and supportive community for residents of the county in all branches of the Armed Forces, the Reserves, and those called to perform homeland security duties, as well as the families and friends of those serving; and

WHEREAS, numerous Hardin County citizens serve in the Armed Forces and many are deployed overseas and possibly in harm's way carrying out their missions with professionalism, dedication, patriotism, and courage; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hardin County exercise a patriotic duty by acknowledging the fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters of the county, and from every corner of the United States and allied nations, who heroically carry out the war on terrorism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The citizens of Hardin County wholeheartedly supports and appreciates the brave men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, and wishes them Godspeed in their dangerous missions and a safe return from harm's way; and
2. The Hardin County Fiscal declares March 25<sup>th</sup> through the cessation of combat actions in Iraq as

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in Hardin County, and all citizens are encouraged to show the community's unwavering commitment to honor members of the Armed Forces for their courageous and patriotic duty in defending our county, its freedoms, and way of life.