

State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, AARON EILERTS WAS A GIFTED YOUNG MAN, WITH A SENSE OF COMPASSION FOR EVERYONE HE KNEW; AND
- WHEREAS, AARON USED HIS NATURAL GIFTS, AS WELL AS THE SKILLS HE LEARNED FROM HIS PARENTS BOB AND CAROL, FROM HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND FROM HIS SCOUT LEADERS, TO PUT HIS TALENTS TO WORK TO HELP OTHERS; AND
- WHEREAS, FROM HAND-MAKING COLORFUL PILLOWCASES FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TO MAKING BLANKETS FOR DOGS AT ANIMAL SHELTERS, TO SEWING TIES AND SCARVES FOR HIS TEACHERS, HIS GENEROUS, LOVING SPIRIT ALWAYS SHINED THROUGH; AND
- WHEREAS, IN ADDITION TO HIS MANY ACTS OF CITIZENSHIP AND VOLUNTEERISM, AARON WAS DEDICATED TO HIS FELLOW BOY SCOUTS, HIS CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND ATHLETICS; AND
- WHEREAS, IOWANS YOUNG AND OLD HAVE BEEN ENRICHED BY THE LIFE OF AARON EILERTS; AND
- WHEREAS, AARON'S SPIRIT OF GIVING AND SERVICE REMAINS A MODEL FOR EVERY IOWAN; AND
- WHEREAS, ALL IOWANS, COUNTLESS OTHERS ACROSS THE NATION AND EVEN AROUND THE WORLD, CAN BE INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AARON EXEMPLIFIED:


NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 24, 2009, AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS:

AARON EILERTS DAY OF SERVICE AND GIVING


IN IOWA, TO HONOR THE LIFE OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG MAN.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE