



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Kyle Anderson graduated in 2003 from Simley High School in Inver Grove Heights; and
- WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Anderson joined the United States Marine Corps in the summer of 2003 and graduated from basic training at the top of his class; and
- WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Anderson was deployed in Iraq when on October 11, 2004, a bomb exploded near Fallujah and shrapnel tore through his helmet and the left side of his skull; and
- WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Anderson suffered brain damage and emerged from a coma just before New Year's Day. He remains hospitalized in the VA Medical Center at Fort Snelling and is making impressive strides in his recovery; and
- WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Anderson's combat service record in Iraq is distinguished, and he is credited with saving the life of a wounded corporal after an insurgent attack; and
- WHEREAS: On Thursday, June 23, 2005, there will be a welcome home ceremony and Purple Heart medal presentation for Lance Corporal Kyle Anderson at Simley High School; and
- WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in action against an enemy force or while being held as a prisoner of war; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota thanks Lance Corporal Kyle Anderson for the many sacrifices he endured in order to receive this prestigious medal. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with him on his road to recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 23, 2005, as:

LANCE CORPORAL KYLE ANDERSON DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the State the one hundred forty-seventh.

Mary Kiffmeyer
SECRETARY OF STATE

Tim Pawlenty
GOVERNOR

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