

STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF
THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

Whereas, from the years 1861 to 1865, our nation was involved in a great civil war to determine whether the union of states established by the Founding Fathers following the American Revolution would endure or be divided into two separate nations; and

Whereas, the American Civil War was a defining experience in the cultural, economic, political, and social development of the United States; and

Whereas, in bringing an end to the abhorrent practice of slavery, the American Civil War helped reaffirm our nation's place as a beacon of freedom and liberty to the world; and

Whereas, Delaware troops distinguished themselves on many of the war's battlefields, including Antietam, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg, as well as in the war at sea; and

Whereas, while no Civil War battles were fought in Delaware, Delawareans played significant roles in the events of the era; and

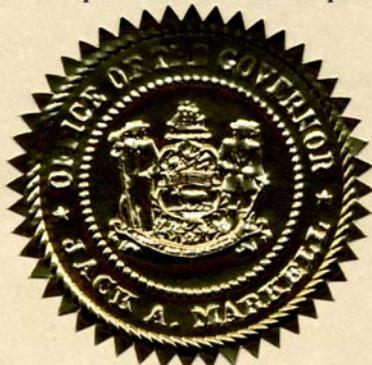
Whereas, the years 2011 through 2015 mark the sesquicentennial of the period of the American Civil War, beginning with the attack on Fort Sumter, the first shots fired in the Civil War 150 years ago today; and

Whereas, the sesquicentennial anniversary of the American Civil War presents a significant opportunity for Delawareans and all Americans to recall and reflect upon all aspects of that that time period, both on the battlefield and on the home front, through exploration and discussion.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack Markell, Governor,
and Matt Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare April 12th, 2011
the beginning of the official observation of*

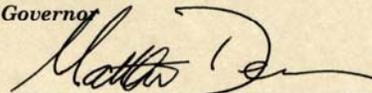
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in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to reflect on this great conflict and the impact that this war had upon our nation.





Jack Markell
Governor



Matt Denn
Lieutenant Governor

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