

IOWA EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK,
Third Week of September Heretofore

City of Polk City

A Proclamation

Iowa's National Guard and Reserve forces continue to serve our country with distinction. Today, our Iowa Guardsmen and Reservists are active on every front in the Global War on Terror. During Iowa Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, we honor our courageous Guardsman and Reservists and their employers, whose continued support is vital to the success of our Armed Forces and to the strength of our country.

Our Iowa Guard and Reserve personnel are training hard and deploying frequently to meet new challenges worldwide. Guardsmen and Reservists are a key component in the Global War on Terror, serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Horn of Africa and at home to defeat the terrorist threat to our national security. Iowa Guardsmen and Reservists have also responded to natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies all over the world and in Iowa this year as our state has suffered from tornados and floods. Iowa is blessed and grateful for the service of these brave men and women who continue to answer the call to serve our communities and our country.

By supporting our Guardsmen and Reservists, employers across Iowa are also helping to advance freedom and democracy around the world. Employer support ensures a degree of comfort for members of the Guard and Reserve so they can focus on the task at hand. At the same time, these employers benefit from the professionalism, experience, and leadership skills these citizen-warriors bring home. Employer support of our Guard and Reserve at home and abroad helps ensure our troops are mission-ready while also providing a source of pride and assurance for all Americans. This country is grateful to employers and workers for their support of Guard and Reserve members and their families. Together, our National Guard and Reserve forces and their employers are united in purpose and reflect the highest standards of professionalism and honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary M. Heuertz, Mayor of Polk City, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the City of Polk City, do hereby proclaim The Third week of September heretofore as Iowa Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week. I encourage all Iowans to join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks to the members of our National Guard and Reserve and their civilian employers for their extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our Nation. I also call on state and local officials, private organizations, businesses, and all military commanders to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

Gary M. Heuertz, Mayor