

A PROCLAMATION

**HONORING THE COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND SERVICE TO AMERICA,
AND OFFERING OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT TO OUR SOLDIERS**

WHEREAS: In 1908, the nation’s leaders knew that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector thus creating the first reservoir of trained officers in a reserve status, known as the Medical Reserve Corps; and

WHEREAS: In 1916, Congress passed the National Defense Act, creating the Officers’ Reserve Corps, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, later named the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC), all of which are forerunners of the current Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS: In full partnership with the Active Component of the Army National Guard, the Army Reserve provides 75% of the key combat support and combat services support unites and capabilities such as logistics, medical, engineering, military information support and civil affairs; and

WHEREAS: The Army Reserve has been an integral part of numerous conflicts. More than 70 Army Reserve units were deployed to the Korean Peninsula, well over 120,000 Soldiers have provided combat support and combat service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and others provided support in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2013, more than 18,000 “Citizen Soldiers” were deployed around the world supporting Joint Force operations, representing 7% of the Total Force; and

WHEREAS: In both World Wars, Army Reserve Soldiers answered the call of duty. 89,500 reserve officers were mobilized in World War I and 200,000 members of the ORC participated during World War II; and

WHEREAS: The role of the Army Reserve has changed over time. Moving from a Strategic Reserve to an Operational Force, the Army Reserve provides resources and training to first-responder organizations across the nation, trains Soldiers through 24 training days and up to 17 days of annual training, implements national objectives, keeps the Army mobile, and enables the Army to do more with constrained resources; and

WHEREAS: The Army Reserve is a community-based organization with more than 217,000 Soldiers and Civilians, and 950 facilities in different cities, states and territories.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor James Thomas, Jr., Mayor of the City of Hinesville, do hereby celebrate April 23, 2014 as:

“The United States Army Reserve 106th Birthday”

in Hinesville, Georgia, and call upon all residents of the City of Hinesville, Georgia, to participate in ceremonies and activities celebration this event, as well as continue honoring the service of our Reserve by offering them thanks and continued support.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Hinesville to be affixed this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen and in the year of our City One Hundred Seventy-Seven.

Attest:

Billy Edwards, City Manager

James Thomas, Jr., Mayor