

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Army Sergeant Jason M. Swindle of Cabot, Arkansas, born in Little Rock on December 3, 1987, was a dedicated and courageous soldier, who was deeply loved by his family and many friends, and died on September 20, 2012, after being injured by enemy fire while serving his country in Panjwa'l, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS: Jason was the beloved son of Jerry and Joyce Swindle of Keller, Texas; the devoted husband of Chelsey Amanda Swindle of Beebe, Arkansas; the proud father of Paxton Michael Swindle and another son on the way who is expected to be named Jason Hunter Daniel Swindle; the loving brother of Joey Swindle, Sam Swindle, Matt Swindle, John Swindle, and Jordan Swindle; as well as a cherished member of his extended family and a loyal friend to scores of people from across the world; and

WHEREAS: Coming from a military family, Jason joined the Army in 2005, and left Arkansas after graduating in 2006 from Cabot High School, where he was known for his outgoing nature and his friendly smile. Sergeant Swindle was currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and serving his third tour of duty overseas; and

WHEREAS: Sergeant Swindle sacrificed his life near Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, as a member of the Army, assigned to the B Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, out of Fort Stewart, Georgia, and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS: All Arkansans and United States citizens owe Jason a lasting debt of gratitude for his bravery and his heroism and should pay tribute to his faithful service; and

WHEREAS: Citizens of this State and Nation extend deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Sergeant Jason Swindle;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, in tribute to the memory of Jason M. Swindle, and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the United States flag and the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2012.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

ORIGINAL SIGNED

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

