

WHEREAS, The United States Army is celebrating its 236th birthday on June 14, 2011. On this day the United States Army will recognize with great pride the thousands of young Americans who have answered, and will continue to answer, the call to service. These young man and women have shown a profound sense of duty, selfless service and respect through acts of great honor, integrity and personal courage; and,

WHEREAS, the All-Volunteer Army is a uniquely American phenomenon that began as an experiment at the height of the Cold War and the quality and success of the volunteer force remains unprecedented; and,

WHEREAS, today, the United States Army is recognized as the premier army in the world, with America's volunteer Soldiers serving in 120 countries; and,

WHEREAS, American Soldiers are voluntarily foregoing comfort and wealth, facing hardship and sacrifice, and confronting danger in defense of the Nation. The United States Army is and will remain a testament to the success of Army recruiters in attracting the Nation's best and brightest to volunteer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Wood Mayor of the City of Mishawaka, Indiana to hereby proclaim June 14th, 2011 as the

United States Army's 236th Birthday

and declare the week of June 13th through June 18th, 2011 as United States Army Week in Mishawaka, IN and I call upon all of our citizens to join me in this salute as we express our gratitude to those who have served and those who are now serving to protect our nation and its freedoms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Mishawaka to be affixed this 14th day of June, 2011.

David A. Wood, Mayor