



Military Veterans Appreciation Month

May 2009

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces for more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has proclaimed May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services to have served and are now serving our country together with their families; and



WHEREAS, citizens of the District of Columbia have served with distinction in all branches of the military throughout our nation's history and are currently in combat overseas, despite being denied full Congressional Voting Rights at home:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby call upon all the residents of this great city to participate in activities commemorating "MILITARY VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH" and honor all those who have served the District of Columbia and the United States of America through membership in the Armed Forces.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian M. Fenty".

Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia