WELCOME HOME PROCLAMATION
ARMY STAFF SERGEANT MARK STRICKLAND

WHEREAS, Whenever called upon to defend our nation's security at home or abroad, the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces respond immediately, placing this Nation's interests above their own. **Army Staff Sergeant Mark Strickland** is one such hero; and

WHEREAS, The contributions and sacrifices made by our military personnel are vital to maintaining America's blessings of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, The families of those serving in our nation's military make meaningful sacrifices and provide the support, love and dedication essential to their well-being and service, such as Mark's wife JinSun and their son Julian; and

WHEREAS, **Army Staff Sergeant Mark Strickland** joins the great heritage of the brave warriors serving for freedom around the world, in such places as Yorktown and Lexington, Gettysburg and Appomattox, Normandy and the Argonne, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, Seoul and the Chosin Reservoir, Saigon and Keh Sanh, and now in places like Fallujah, Kabul and Baghdad; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy does hereby proclaim **August 17, 2009** as an official date in the City of Troy to most gratefully honor, sincerely appreciate, and wholeheartedly thank **Army Staff Sergeant Mark Strickland** for his seven years in the Army most recently in Afghanistan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Troy encourages citizens, schools, businesses, and the media of the City of Troy to use this occasion to recognize, honor, and show appreciation to **Army Staff Sergeant Mark Strickland** for his dedicated service and sacrifice to our Nation.

Presented this 17th day of August 2009.