

PROCLAMATION
BY
GARY W. MOORE
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
OF THE
COUNTY OF BOONE



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, CHARLES "BRANDON" BAILEY WAS BORN ON MARCH 21, 1974 IN COVINGTON, KENTUCKY; AND

WHEREAS, HE GRADUATED FROM BOONE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL IN JUNE 1993 AND ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS ON NOVEMBER 10, 1998, ON FEBRUARY 5, 1999 GUNNERY SERGEANT BAILEY GRADUATED BOOT CAMP FROM PARIS ISLAND; AND

WHEREAS, IN JUNE OF 1999 GUNNERY SGT. BAILEY GRADUATED FROM THE MARINE POLICE OFFICER'S COURSE AND WAS ASSIGNED DUTY IN OKINAWA, JAPAN AND AFTER RETURNING BACK TO THE STATES IN 2004 HE MOVED INTO THE COUNTER AND HUMAN INTELLIGENCE MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE THAT TIME GUNNERY SGT. BAILEY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO DEPLOY THREE TIMES IN SUPPORT OF THE WAR ON TERROR BY SERVING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND WITH THE 22ND MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT; IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM WITH THE MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMPANY INDIA ;AND

WHEREAS, DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN WESTERN AFGHANISTAN, GUNNERY SGT. BAILEY WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED WHEN HIS TEAM STRUCK AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AND THE ARMORED VEHICLE IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING WAS FLIPPED SEVERAL TIMES, EJECTING AND TRAPPING HIM UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE'S TURRET; AND

WHEREAS, AFTER MANY SURGERIES TO REPAIR HIS INTERNAL INJURIES AND SHATTERED PELVIS, HE UNDERWENT EXTENSIVE THERAPY AND REHABILITATION TO LEARN HOW TO WALK AGAIN; AND

WHEREAS, GUNNERY SGT. BAILEY WAS PROMOTED TO HIS CURRENT RANK ON APRIL 1, 2009 AT A SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MEMORIAL IN TAMPA, FLORIDA WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, AND THE PURPLE HEART; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT WE RECOGNIZE GUNNERY SGT. BAILEY AS A TRUE AMERICAN HERO THAT HAS TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF HIS FELLOW MARINES AND HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION OF PERSEVERANCE, LOYALTY, AND COURAGE TO ALL; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, I GARY W. MOORE, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MONDAY THE 25TH OF MAY, TO BE DEDICATED AS:

"GUNNERY SGT. CHARLES "BRANDON" BAILEY DAY"

I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE AND REFLECT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GUNNERY SGT. BAILEY AND HIS DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE TO KEEPING OUR COUNTRY SAFE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY
HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY
OF BOONE TO BE HEREUNTO AFFIXED.

GARY W. MOORE
COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE