

# Proclamation

## *Recognizing Zachary Eller State Honoree in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award*

**Whereas**, effective government may be in serving the needs of its citizens, the soul of our city and its vitality as a place to live and work depend on the relationship of families, friends, and neighbors; and

**Whereas**, strengthening those bonds is not as much in the hands of institutions or governments as it is in the hearts of the people – individuals who volunteer to help people of all ages, races, and religions, cope with illnesses, overcome hardships and barriers, adjust to social changes, and fulfill their potential. These volunteers are the unrecognized, unsung heroes of our society; and

**Whereas, Zachary Eller**, recently named as one of our state's top honorees in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, exemplifies the value of volunteer community service, and is a role model to other youth, as well as adults in our community; and

**Whereas**, a surprising number of volunteers in communities across the nation are like **Zachary Eller**, a student contributing time without expectation of reward, other than the gratification that comes from helping others. Some of these young people work in established group others seek new and unique ways to help others on their own; and

**Whereas**, recognizing these young volunteers and encouraging others to follow their example is the aim of this nationwide program conducted by the Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Its aim is to reach into every community, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, to identify and honor these unsung heroes locally, state-by-state, and then nationally, in the hopes that their recognition will serve to stimulate others to volunteer service.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Joe Lockwood, Mayor of the City of Milton, do hereby commend **Zachary Eller** our Prudential Spirit of Community Award honoree, for his outstanding volunteer contribution to others and our community. In honor of this achievement, I am proclaiming Monday, March 16, 2009, as **Zachary Eller Day**, in the City of Milton, Georgia, and encourage all citizens to congratulate Zachary, as he truly represents the best of America's youth as one of the top two youth volunteers in Georgia.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Milton to be affixed on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.



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Joe Lockwood, Mayor