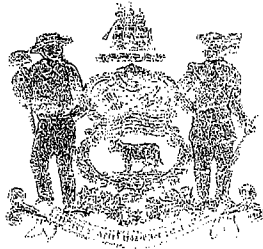


# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF APEX PIPING

*Whereas*, World War II was the pivotal event of the Twentieth Century, engulfing the entire planet in military conflict, redefining political, military and economic thought, globalizing intergovernmental relations and trade and bringing out the best and the worst in humanity; and

*Whereas*, an estimated 35,000 Delawareans – more than ten percent of the state's population at the time - were involved in the military during World War II, risking their lives to help shine the light of freedom for the oppressed peoples of the world, while tens of thousands more were actively involved on the home front, taking part in Civil Defense and running the industries that supplied our troops and allies; and

*Whereas*, on May 25, 1993, President Clinton signed Public Law 103-32, authorizing the establishment of the first national memorial of World War II, which would be dedicated to the 16 million Americans who served, the more than 400,000 who died and the millions of citizens who supported the war effort at home; and

*Whereas*, the World War II Memorial will be situated on the National Mall in Washington D.C., between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, the only Twentieth Century Event commemorated on the Mall's central axis, and will be dedicated on Memorial Day weekend, 2004; and

*Whereas*, Apex Piping, of Newport, Delaware, was chosen to provide the shop fabrication for the stainless steel armatures that will support the memorial's four majestic bronze eagles, which hold laurels representing the victory of the World War II generation; and

*Whereas*, Delaware is proud to be the home of Apex Piping and is honored to have its residents take part in the construction of this national memorial, which will be visited by hundreds of millions of Americans and visitors to our country for generations; and

*Whereas*, the State of Delaware takes pride in its civil contributions of the World War II era, honors its veterans of World War II and remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice,

*Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor, and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby recognize*

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in the State of Delaware for the work contributed to the World War II Memorial and urge all Delawareans to visit the completed memorial in Washington, D.C. to remember and honor the sacrifices and contributions of Delawareans and our countrymen during that defining period.



*Ruth Ann Minner*  
Ruth Ann Minner, Governor

*John C. Carney, Jr.*  
John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor

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