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**EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A STATE MILITARY DECORATION
HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM**

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln personally embodied the militia spirit and served as a member of the Illinois Militia during the Blackhawk War;

WHEREAS, members of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard are performing meritorious service for the Nation in support of the Global War on Terrorism;

WHEREAS, this service reflects great credit upon the Illinois Army and Air National Guard and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the State of Illinois to recognize the service and sacrifices of Illinois Army and Air National Guard members in support of the Global War on Terrorism;

WHEREAS, it is within my authority as Commander-in-Chief of the Illinois National Guard to establish military honors;

THEREFORE, I hereby order the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois through the Illinois Department of Military Affairs to establish the **ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEDAL OF FREEDOM** to recognize the service of members of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard who are mobilized in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

I. Military Department

The Illinois Department of Military Affairs will establish the criteria and process by which award of the **ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEDAL OF FREEDOM** is made to members of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard as determined by appropriate regulation issued by The Adjutant General as Director of the Department of Military Affairs.

II. Scope

This Order applies to all members of the Illinois National Guard under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

III. Severability

If any provision of this Order is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

This Executive Order Number Seven shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor

Issued by the Governor: _____, 2005

Filed with the Secretary of State: _____, 2005