



# PROCLAMATION EXAMPLE

## The Mayor's Office

Expressing support for the designation of May 27, 2022, as National Poppy Day® in honor of our fallen.

### THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR [DATE, 2022]

American Legion [Post #/American Legion Auxiliary Unit # TITLE NAME] submitted the following proclamation; which was referred to the [OFFICE OF THE MAYOR] for review.

### PROCLAMATION

Expressing support for the designation of May 27, 2022, as National Poppy Day® in [CITY] and recognizing the importance of honoring those who have worn our nation's uniform; and

WHEREAS, poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to our fallen and the future of living veterans and servicemembers; and

WHEREAS, at the end of World War I, The American Legion Family adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood sacrificed by troops in wartimes. The symbolic use of the poppy comes from the poem "In Flanders Fields," which movingly begins, "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row," referring to the poppies that sprang up in the churned-up earth of newly dug soldiers' graves over parts of Belgium and France; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Family has long utilized the red poppy as its official flower, symbolizing the blood shed by those who have served in our U.S. military, and the meaning and symbolism of the poppy, mirroring the manner in which the poppy is symbolically showcased in England and Canada in celebratory fashion on their Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day; and

WHEREAS, wearing a poppy will unite citizens from across the country who decide to show their patriotism; and

WHEREAS, May 27, 2022, would be an appropriate date to designate as National Poppy Day®.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the [OFFICE OF THE MAYOR] —

- (1) supports the designation of May 27, 2022 as National Poppy Day®; and
- (2) encourages all citizens, residents and visitors in [CITY] to join in observing this day to honor every servicemember who has died in the name of liberty, freedom and democracy while also showing their support for living veterans, servicemembers and their families.