

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the United States of America is an enduring symbol of freedom, protected willingly by citizen soldiers who have answered the call to serve, and we must never forget the sacrifices of war and the debt owed to those who defended our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, originated following the American Civil War, which claimed more lives than any prior conflict and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries, and Memorial Day was established as a national holiday in 1971; and

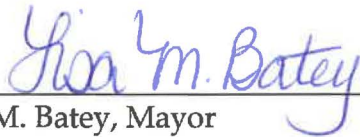
WHEREAS Memorial Day provides an opportunity to reflect on and honor the past, renew, and pass on our patriotism, pay tribute to the sacrifices that allow us to continue to live in freedom, and seek peace so that our veterans will not have died in vain; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Milwaukie Police Department and American Legion Post 180 established the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund to address financial support gaps experienced by veterans and their families in need of emergency assistance, a fund which has grown with the support of other communities in the metro area; and

WHEREAS the Milwaukie community recognizes Memorial Day through various activities including a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund.

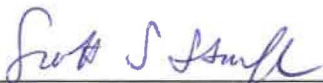
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **MAY 27th to be MEMORIAL DAY** in the City of Milwaukie.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 21st day of May 2024.



Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

