

# **PROCLAMATION**

**West Linn, Oregon**

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1941, our Nation suffered one of the most devastating attacks ever to befall the American people. In less than two hours, the bombs that rained on Pearl Harbor robbed thousands of men, women, and children of their lives, thrusting our country into the greatest conflict the world has ever known; and

**WHEREAS**, in his address to Congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt affirmed that “with confidence in our Armed Forces – with the unbounding determination of our people – we will gain the inevitable triumph; and

**WHEREAS**, this attack led President Roosevelt to call on Congress to declare an act of war the following day, stating December 7, 1941 would be a “date which will live in infamy”; and

**WHEREAS**, millions stood up and shipped out to meet that call to service, fighting heroically on Europe’s distant shores and pressing island by island across the Pacific; and

**WHEREAS**, millions more carried out the fight in factories and shipyards here at home, building the arsenal of democracy that propelled America to the victory President Roosevelt foresaw; and

**WHEREAS**, on every front, we faced down impossible odds – and out of the ashes of conflict, America rose more prepared than ever to meet the challenges of the day, sure that there was no trial we could not overcome; and

**WHEREAS**, as we pay solemn tribute to America’s sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifice, let us also reaffirm that their legacy will always burn bright – whether in the memory of those who knew them, the spirit of service that guides our men and women in uniform today, or the heart of the country they kept strong and free.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN THAT DECEMBER 7, 2025 IS:**

**PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

And we encourage our community to observe this solemn day of remembrance and to honor our military, past and present.

