



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States of America is an enduring symbol of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by millions of citizen soldiers who answered the call to serve; and

WHEREAS, a nation at peace must never forget the sacrifices of war and the debt owed to those who answered the call to protect our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Red Poppy flower memorializes the lives laid to rest in Flanders Field during the First World War and is a symbol of the sacrifices made in conflicts around the world; and

WHEREAS, the a mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to remind all Americans of the sacrifices of those who served through distribution of the memorial Red Poppy flower; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie and American Legion Post 180 have partnered together to Commemorate the Vietnam War and to honor those who served during that conflict; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie and American Legion Post 180 wish to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by distributing the Red Poppy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **May 30, 2016**, as **Poppy Day** in the City of Milwaukie, so that it may be observed by all citizens of the "Dogwood City of the West."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this **3rd** day of **MAY, 2016**.

Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pat DuVal, City Recorder

