

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

WHEREAS, we must never forget the sacrifices of war and the debt owed to those who defended for 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 in other conflicts since then; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary works to remind all Americans of the sacrifices of those who serve by annually distributing Red Poppy flowers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie and American Legion Post 180 have worked to commemorate and honor those who served in the Vietnam War; 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 our 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 26, 2017**, as **Poppy 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 **2**nd day of **MAY**, **2017**.

Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

Milwaukie | May 26, 2017