

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

WHEREAS 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 the armed forces of the United States serve as a unified team, at home and across the seas, in the pursuit of a durable peace; and

WHEREAS the strength of our armed forces rests not alone upon their active and reserve members, our industrial productivity, and our human resources, but also upon the understanding and support of an informed American people; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Milwaukie Police Department and American Legion Post 180 established the Corporal Diffie Fund to address financial support gaps experienced by veterans and their families in need of emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS the Milwaukie Police Department and American Legion Post 180 recognize Armed Services Week through various activities including a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Corporal Diffie Fund; and

WHEREAS May 20, 2022, Armed Forces Day, is a time for all Americans to thank all who have served in the armed forces of this nation.

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 13th to 20th as ARMED FORCES WEEK** 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 16th day of May 2023.

Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder