

Expressing support for the designation of May 24, 2024, as National Poppy Day in honor of our fallen.

American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary Sheehan-Olson Post 375 submitted the following proclamation for review.

PROCLAMATION

Expressing support for the designation of May 24, 2024, as National Poppy Day in the City of Clermont, Iowa and recognizing the importance of honoring those who have worn our nation’s uniform and

WHEREAS poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to our fallen, the future of living veterans, and service members and;

WHEREAS at the end of World War I, The American Legion Family adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood sacrificed by troops in war times. The symbolic use of the poppy comes from the poem “In Flanders Fields” which movingly begins, “In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row,” referring to the poppies that sprang up in the churned-up earth of newly dug soldiers’ graves over parts of Belgium and France and;

WHEREAS The American Legion Family has long utilized the red poppy as its official flower, symbolizing the blood shed by those who have served in our U.S. military and;

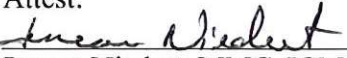
WHEREAS wearing a poppy will unite citizens from across the country who decide to show their patriotism and;

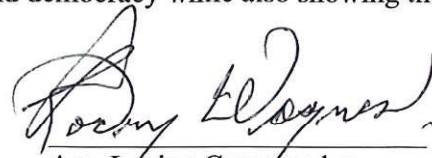
WHEREAS May 24, 2024, would be an appropriate date to designate as “National Poppy Day”.

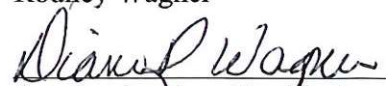
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Clermont, Iowa

- (1) supports the designation of May 24, 2024 as National Poppy Day
- (2) encourages all citizens, residents, and visitors in the City of Clermont to join in observing this day to honor every service member who has died in the name of liberty, freedom, and democracy while also showing their support for living veterans, service members and their families.


Mayor James Matt

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