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SUBJECT: Proclamation – National Poppy Day

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Brinkley will read a proclamation declaring May 26, 2017 to be “National Poppy Day” in honor of every service member who’s died in the name of liberty, freedom, and democracy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

Attachments

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, at the end of World War I, The American Legion adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood sacrificed by troops in wartime, and

WHEREAS, the use of the poppy symbolically comes from the poem *In Flanders Field*, 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 earth of battlefields across Belgium and France where soldiers died fighting, 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 it is fitting that as The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary approach their 100th anniversary, they expand the meaning and symbolism of the poppy, mirroring the manner in which the poppy is showcased in England and Canada on their Remembrance Day, and

WHEREAS, wearing a poppy will help to unite citizens from across our Nation who decide to show their patriotism,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Brinkley, Mayor of the City of Saginaw, Texas, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2017 to be **National Poppy Day** and encourage all citizens 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Saginaw, Texas to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2017.

Gary Brinkley, Mayor