

# Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-28

**EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 25, 2018 AS  
NATIONAL POPPY DAY IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS AND IN HONOR OF THE  
LIVING HEROES WHO HAVE COURAGEOUSLY SERVED OUR NATION AS MEMBERS OF  
THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

**WHEREAS**, the red poppy is the official flower of The American Legion, the nation's largest wartime Veterans service organization; and

**WHEREAS**, at the end of World War I, The American Legion adopted the poppy as a symbol of both freedom and the blood sacrificed by our Armed Forces during wartimes, and poppies have since been worn and displayed as a tribute to our Fallen and to the future of living Veterans and Servicemembers; and

**WHEREAS**, the symbolic use of the poppy comes from the poem *In Flanders Fields*, by John McCrae, which movingly begins, "*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row,*" referring to the poppies that arose from the churned-up earth of newly dug soldiers' graves throughout parts of Belgium and France; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Legion is approaching its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and feels it a befitting time to expand the notoriety of the poppy, mirroring the manner in which the flower is recognized and showcased on Armistice Day in Canada and Remembrance Day in Great Britain; and

**WHEREAS**, wearing a poppy will afford citizens from across the Country the opportunity to unite in a show of support and appreciation for our Armed Forces and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, May 25, 2018, would be an appropriate date to designate as National Poppy Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor of the City of Berea, the President and all Members of Council and the Officers of the Administration do hereby express support for the designation of May 25, 2018 as National Poppy Day, and encourage all citizens, residents and visitors in Berea to join in the observation of this day in memory of every fallen Soldier who has died in the name of liberty, freedom and democracy, and in honor of those who have courageously served, or are currently serving, our Nation as Members of the United States Armed Forces.

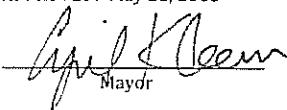
**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

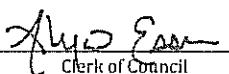
PASSED: May 21, 2018

  
President of Council

APPROVED: May 21, 2018

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Director of Law