



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1919, amidst complete devastation in Europe, poppies bloomed in abundance on the fields where service members had fallen in battle; and

WHEREAS, after World War I, the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood sacrificed by troops in wartime; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program benefits service members and their families by providing funding devoted to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation work; and

WHEREAS, poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to all veterans and current service members, and in patriotic support of future military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the poem In Flanders Fields also inspires the use of the poppy, 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 western Belgium and northern France where soldiers died fighting; and

WHEREAS, the poppy is an emblem of faith and continues to serve as a tribute to those who have given their lives for the nation’s freedom.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 27th, 2022 as

NATIONAL POPPY DAY



in the City of Northglenn and encourages all residents 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.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 25th day of April 2022.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

