CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
MINNESOTA

Proclamation

POPPY DAYS
May 16 & 17, 2014

WHEREAS, the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

NOW, THEREFORE, I Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 16 & 17, 2014 as

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in the city of Bloomington and do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifice of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2014.

Gene Winstead, Mayor
City of Bloomington, Minnesota