

A MAYORAL PROCLAMATION DECLARING POPPY DAY

WHEREAS, A writer first made the connection between the poppy and battlefield deaths during the Napoleonic wars of the early 19th century, remarking that fields that were barren before battle exploded with the blood-red flowers after the fighting ended; and

WHEREAS, During the tremendous bombardments of the First World War the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, allowing the Poppy to thrive. When the war ended the lime was quickly absorbed, and the poppy began to disappear again; and

WHEREAS, in 1915 the poppy became a popular symbol for soldiers who died in battle; and

WHEREAS, Three years later an American, Moina Michael, was working in a New York City YMCA canteen when she started wearing a poppy in memory of the millions who died on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, During a 1920 visit to the United States a French woman, Madame Guerin, learned of the custom. On her return to France she decided to use handmade poppies to raise money for the destitute children in war-torn areas of the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, in conjunction with Memorial Day, I, Dale R. Barney, Mayor of the City of Spanish Fork, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 28, 2001 as Poppy Day in the City of Spanish Fork, and urge all citizens to remember all those who bravely fought to protect our freedoms and to promote the well-being of this Country for all generations.

This resolution adopted this 21st day of May, 2001, by the Mayor of Spanish Fork City,

Utah.



DALE R. BARNEY, Mayor

ATTEST:



GINA PETERSON, Deputy Recorder

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