

A PROCLAMATION

Of the [City Council/Board of Selectmen/Mayor]

Of the City/Town of [CITY/TOWN NAME]

Declaring May 26, 2025, as Memorial Day

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first proclaimed by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, on May 5, 1868, and was first observed on May 30 of that same year. General Logan made this proclamation not only to honor the soldiers who died during the Civil War, but also to bring all Americans together in remembrance and unity; and

WHEREAS, our great Nation is founded on the enduring ideals of liberty, justice, and equality. As free citizens, we have called upon the brave men and women of our Armed Forces to defend those ideals throughout our history. Many have answered that call with the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives for our Nation and the freedoms we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, as we reflect on their courage and selflessness, we acknowledge that our continued liberty is not free. It is our solemn duty as citizens to honor their memory and uphold the principles for which they so valiantly gave their lives; and

WHEREAS, from the battlefield at Antietam, the trenches of the Somme, the beaches of Normandy, the hills of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, to the deserts of the Middle East, American service members have stood in harm's way and given their lives in the defense of our country and its founding ideals; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, we join as a community and a Nation to honor all who died in service to our country; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this solemn occasion, residents of the [City/Town] of [CITY/TOWN NAME] are encouraged to participate in ***Taps Across America***, a national tribute taking place at 3:00 PM local time, during the National Moment of Remembrance, by sounding a live version of the 24 notes of Taps in honor of our fallen heroes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [FULL NAME], by virtue of the authority vested in me as [TITLE] of the [City/Town] of [CITY/TOWN NAME], in the State of [STATE], do hereby proclaim May 26, 2025, as Memorial Day in our community.

We stand together, proud and grateful, to pay solemn tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in defense of our freedom. We urge all residents to pause, reflect, and remember—especially at 3:00 PM—as we join with Americans across the country in a powerful moment of unity and remembrance through ***Taps Across America***.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the [City/Town] of [CITY/TOWN NAME] to be affixed this [DAY] of [MONTH], 2025.

[SIGNATURE]

[NAME][TITLE]

[CITY/TOWN NAME]