

A PROCLAMATION

Of the [Mayor/Chair/Board of Selectmen]

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

Recognizing **Taps Across America 2026** and the National Moment of Remembrance

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day is a solemn day of national remembrance to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who died in service to our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, Congress established the **National Moment of Remembrance**, calling upon all Americans to pause at **3:00 PM local time** on Memorial Day to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, **Taps Across America 2026**, presented by the nonprofit **Taps for Veterans**, invites people in every community to unite at **3:00 PM local time** by sounding—or respectfully observing—the **24 notes of Taps** in honor of our fallen heroes; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s theme, **“250 Years, 24 Notes, One Nation,”** recognizes our shared American story as we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States, and reminds us that freedom has always come at a cost; and

**WHEREAS**, Taps Across America is **open to everyone—any age, any ability, any instrument**—and also welcomes those who participate through a quiet moment of silence;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, **[FULL NAME]**, **[TITLE]** of the City/Town of **[CITY/TOWN NAME]**, do hereby proclaim **Memorial Day, May 25, 2026**, as a day of remembrance in **[CITY/TOWN NAME]**, and I encourage all residents to participate in **Taps Across America 2026** by pausing at **3:00 PM local time** to honor our fallen—through the sounding of Taps or a respectful moment of silence.

**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]**, **2026**.

[SIGNATURE]

**[NAME]**

**[TITLE]**

**[CITY/TOWN NAME]**