



Poppy Days May 19, 20, and 21, 2023

Whereas: After the First World War, inspired by the opening lines of John McRae's wartime poem "In Flanders Fields," and championed by international humanitarian workers Moina Michael of the United States and Madame Guérin of France, the poppy was adopted in many countries to commemorate the sacrifices of those who have been killed in war; and

Whereas: The United States Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1922 officially designated the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and conducted their first Poppy Day drive that year, and in 1924 the VFW registered the "Buddy Poppy" as its official commemorative poppy; and

Whereas: VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled and needy Veterans and the proceeds of the use of Buddy Poppies as a fundraising 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;" and

Whereas: Each year, members of Roseville Anderson Nelson VFW Post 7555 distribute poppies at local sites the weekend before Memorial Day to raise awareness about the service of veterans and the importance of Memorial Day;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Roseville hereby declares May 19, 20, and 21, 2023, to be Poppy Days in Roseville for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead, and further urges the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through donations for Buddy Poppies on those days.

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Council urges 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 which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this 24th day of April 2023.

Mayor Daniel J. Roe