



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON**  
Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the annual donation drive 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 worthwhile fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, VFW is the oldest Veterans Organization to hold “POPPY DRIVES”; and

**WHEREAS**, the basic purpose of the annual donation drive 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, Martin T. Becker, Mayor of the City of Port Washington do hereby proclaim May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the annual donation drive of Buddy Poppies by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #5373 and urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the donation for Buddy Poppies in appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

**FURTHER**, I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as 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.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
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Martin T. Becker, Mayor