

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH
OF MAY, 2013, AS POPPY MONTH IN THE CITY OF
NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Poppy Month sends a message to America's veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Gulf War/War on Terrorism, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and all our other military operations on behalf of freedom, that they are respected for serving their country - for risking their lives in a way that we at home have never known; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, it is a small thing - this poppy with its roots in the battlefields of World War I, but its purpose is great for when it bloomed in the spring of 1918 around the shell craters and among the barbed wire barriers, it became an emblem of tribute to never be forgotten; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, it is a small thing to wear a red poppy, but the act has great meaning to this nation for as long as America remembers the sacrifice of her sons and daughters, there is hope for the future, hope that one day there will be no more wars; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its memorial flower which pays tribute to the war dead and aids the living veterans and their families in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 5. Do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2013, as Poppy Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of May, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk