

P R O C L A M A T I O N

POPPY DAYS

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and

WHEREAS, millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, a nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and

WHEREAS, the red memorial poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary have pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 24-25, 2013 as POPPY DAYS and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on these days.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2013.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor