

PROCLAMATION

National Preservation Month

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "Celebrating America's Treasurers" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2011, co-sponsored by the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of the City of Muscatine to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 19th day of May, 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

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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, Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 27-28, 2011 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 19th day of May, 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor