

~ PROCLAMATION ~

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 poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dean Andrews, Mayor of Charles City, Iowa do hereby proclaim Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Poppy Day in Charles City 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 this day.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Dean Andrews, Mayor