



## *PROCLAMATION*

### *Special Recognition of Poppy Day*

**WHEREAS**, the poppy can be traced to a single individual, Miss Moina Michael, who was moved by Col. John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields", and spearheaded a campaign to adopt the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, the poppy was named the memorial flower of the American Legion Auxiliary at the 1921 National Convention in Kansas City; and

**WHEREAS**, American Legion poppies are made by veterans in Auxiliary-sponsored "Poppy Shops" maintained and administered by Auxiliary volunteers, which are located in VA Medical Centers and other veterans' facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hudson recognizes the American Legion Auxiliary and Legion family, who have pledged to remind Americans annually of the debt we owe to those who have served and died in the armed forces for our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, in support of this tradition, the American Legion Auxiliary and Legion distributed poppies in Hudson on May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor of the City of Hudson, do hereby proclaim May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to be:

#### **"POPPY DAYS"**

in Hudson and urge all citizens to wear a Memorial Poppy to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:**

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor  
City of Hudson, Ohio