



PROCLAMATION

of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Proclaiming May 27, 2024 as Memorial Day

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is not a celebration. It is a day of mourning, designed to be a solemn reminder of the devoted men and women who have paid the ultimate price to purchase our precious liberties and sacred freedoms from the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868. Known as Decoration Day, it was intended as a day of remembrance for the more than 620,000 American soldiers who died in the Civil War and lay buried in every city and town involved in the conflict. The month of May was chosen to ensure that flowers would be in full bloom and in abundant supply. After America entered World War I, the tradition expanded to embrace Americans killed in all wars, and in the 1970's, during the turmoil of the Vietnam War, Memorial Day officially became a national holiday; and

WHEREAS, on this day, it is incumbent on us as Americans to remember that the United States of America is the land of the free because it is the home of the brave. It is the greatest country in the world, born from the blood of heroes who uphold our founding principles and defend our nation so the enemy does not invade our shores. As President Reagan exclaimed, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same"; and

WHEREAS, as we gather with family and friends for patriotic backyard barbecues, may we remember the military families whose loved ones took up duty's call and are facing an empty place at their table. With a moment of silence at 3 p.m., may we honor the emptiness and remember their sacrifice which continues to ensure that you and I live embraced in the blessings of freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, does hereby proclaim May 27, 2024 as Memorial Day, and calls upon every citizen to remember and honor the men and women of our Armed Forces who bore the burden of service and have paid the ultimate price for the liberties we so freely enjoy.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 21st day of May 2024.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by:

Deputy Clerk

Wendy Thomas, Chair, Board of Supervisors