



City of Longview, Washington

Poppy Month- May 2017

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of those who have lost their lives, their health or their livelihood as a result of their military service are rightly the concern of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the annual distribution of the red poppies by the American Legion Auxiliary offers an opportunity for the people of this community to acknowledge those persons who have paid more than their share of the cost of freedom; and

WHEREAS, poppies are made by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans and their families, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, do hereby proclaim the month of May to be "Poppy Month" in the City of Longview, and I urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing to its support through the donation of funds for poppies in appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I further urge all patriotic citizens to wear a poppy on May 26th and 27th 2017, as just evidence of our gratitude for the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in fulfilling their obligations as American citizens.

> In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 25th day of April 2017.

> > Don Jensen, Mayor