

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS** it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and

WHEREAS, millions have answered the call to arms, serving this nation with immense courage and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, a nation must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in the 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, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim May 17 and 18, 2013 as

## ***“POPPY DAYS”***

in Westerville and ask 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 and caused my seal to be affixed this 7th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor