

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

WHEREAS, the American Flag is a beacon of hope, a symbol of enduring freedom, and an emblem of unity; and

WHEREAS, many have given their lives in its defense, and countless men and women have worked to ensure that Old Glory continues to stand for the ideals of freedom, justice, and equal opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, our flag symbolizes the purpose and resolve of our Nation, first expressed by our Founders who triumphed against great odds to establish this country; and

WHEREAS, on Flag Day we remember the struggles and successes for which our flag stands and we look to the flag as an everlasting symbol of our commitment to a world of peace, a Nation of principle and a people of unity; and

WHEREAS, The Westerville Veterans of Foreign Wars Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at First Responder's Park on West Main Street on Friday, June 14, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2013 as

“FLAG DAY”

in Westerville and urge all residents to observe Flag Day by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places and to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 4th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor