



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;

WHEREAS, a nation peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;

WHEREAS, the red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all war;

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the days May 18, 23, 24, and 25, as

BUDDY POPPIES DAYS

in Greenville and urge our citizens to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing to its support through donations for Buddy Poppies. I further urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

This 29th day of April, 2014.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor