



# PROCLAMATION

## POPPY DAYS

Whereas, the Coon Rapids American Legion Post 334 and Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9625, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have adopted the Poppy as their commemorative symbol; and

Whereas, the memorial Poppy, assembled by disabled veterans, pays respectful tribute to those killed in war, and also benefits the living veterans and their families; and

Whereas, public donations for Poppies fund rehabilitation programs within each local community that benefit veterans, their families, and ultimately our state and nation; and

Whereas, the basic purpose of the annual distribution of Poppies is eloquently reflected in the desire to "**Honor the Dead by Helping the Living.**"

Now, therefore, I, Tim Howe, Mayor of the City of Coon Rapids, on behalf of the Coon Rapids City Council, hereby proclaim May 19 and 20, 2012, to be "**POPPY DAYS**", urging all citizens of Coon Rapids to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously and to wear a 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.

Proclaimed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Tim Howe, Mayor

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Catherine M. Sorensen, City Clerk