



2025 MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, as Decoration Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Congress changed the observance to the last Monday in May, and in 1971 standardized the name as "Memorial Day"; and

WHEREAS, from the opening battles of the American Revolution to today we remember the more than one million Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in selfless service to their country; and

WHEREAS, we especially remember the 16 Louisville residents that gave their lives in World War I and World War II; and

WHEREAS, this is also a day to remember the more than 500,000 citizens who were prisoners of war and the more than 80,000 who have been declared missing in action; and

WHEREAS, we honor the memories of all the fallen men and women who helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today and pray their sacrifice will never be in vain; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Louisville City Council, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2025, as a solemn day of reflection for those that shall never be forgotten.

DATED this 20th day of May 2025

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk