



A PROCLAMATION Memorial Day - May 28, 2018

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed on May 28, 2018. And while it is seen by many as simply the start of Summer, this holiday means so much more.

WHEREAS, throughout history the sons and daughters of this town and the students and alumni of Davidson College have heeded the call to service in the armed forces of the United States – at times of peace and war.

WHEREAS, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen from Davidson served with honor around the state, the country, and the globe.

WHEREAS, most of the families in our town welcomed their loved ones home at the end of their military service, some did not.

WHEREAS, a number of Davidson families received the tragic news that their loved one had made the ultimate sacrifice for our country - with at least one family learning of the death of two sons within weeks of each other in the final months of World War II.

WHEREAS, the War Memorial on the Davidson College campus honors 193 students and alumni who gave their lives in our Nation's conflicts from World War I to Iraq and Afghanistan.

WHEREAS, the three cemeteries in our town serve as the final resting place for many of our fallen heroes.

WHEREAS, on May 20th, a group of Davidson citizens placed flags on the graves of these fallen heroes as well as one the graves of the veterans who served our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of do hereby declare that May 28, 2018 shall be observed as Memorial Day in the Town of Davidson. We encourage citizens to visit our local cemeteries and the Davidson College War Memorial to pay respects to those who gave the last full measure of devotion for the freedoms we cherish each and every day.

Proclaimed this 22nd day of May, 2018.

Rusty Knox, Mayor