



PROCLAMATION

Poppy Day - May 26, 2023

Whereas, poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to our fallen and the future of living veterans and service members; and

Whereas, at the end of World War I, The American Legion Family adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood sacrificed by troops in wartimes. The symbolic use of the poppy comes from the poem "In Flanders Fields," which movingly begins, "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row," referring to the poppies that sprang up in the churned-up earth of newly dug soldiers' graves over parts of Belgium and France; and

Whereas, The American Legion Family has long utilized the red poppy as its official flower, symbolizing the blood shed by those who have served in our U.S. military, and the meaning and symbolism of the poppy, mirroring the manner in which the poppy is symbolically showcased in England and Canada in celebratory fashion on their Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day; and

Whereas, wearing a poppy will unite citizens from across the country who decide to show their patriotism; and

Whereas, May 26, 2023, would be an appropriate date to designate as Poppy Day;

*Now, Therefore, I, Jack W. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2023 as **Poppy Day in Chino Valley** and encourage all citizens, residents, and visitors in Chino Valley, Arizona to join in observing this day to honor every service member who has died in the name of liberty, freedom and democracy while also showing their support for living veterans, service members, and their families.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this 16th day of May 2023.



Jack Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:
Erin N. Deskins, Town Clerk