



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS,** The annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by government leaders since 1922, and

**WHEREAS,** VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and

**WHEREAS,** The basic purpose of the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to “Honor the Dead by Helping the Living”,

**THEREFORE,** I, Donald Z. White, Mayor, of the City of Chillicothe, do hereby urge the citizens of the City of Chillicothe to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations for Buddy Poppies on May 24-28, 2017, which is set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I 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.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Chillicothe, Illinois this 8th day of May, 2017.

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Donald Z. White  
Mayor