

<u>TITLE</u> PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, for over two (2) centuries, brave men and women have laid down their lives in defense of our great Nation. These heroes have made the ultimate sacrifice so we may uphold the ideals we all cherish.; and

Whereas in solemn reflection, we come together to honor the generations of men and women who gave their lives so that we may live free, and to strive for a just and lasting peace in our world; and we gather -- in small towns and big cities, on battlefields, in cemeteries, and at sacred places where blood has been shed for freedom's cause -- throughout our country and around the world to remember the unbroken chain of patriots who won independence, saved our Union, defeated fascism, and protected the Nation we love from emerging threats in a changing world. Today, their legacy is carried forward by a new generation of servicemen and women and all who strive to shape a more perfect America; and their enormous sacrifices continue to make our opportunity possible; and

Whereas on Memorial Day we unite in remembrance of our country's fallen, we also pray for our military personnel and their families, our veterans, and all who have lost loved ones. As a grateful Nation, we forever carry the selfless sacrifice of our fallen heroes in our hearts, and we share the task of caring for those they left behind; and **Now, therefore**, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Monday, May 25, 2020 as Memorial Day. On this day and all days let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the sea, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom. Let us commit ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain, and furthermore hereby direct County staff to arrange for the display of the United States flag on all County buildings, but flown at half-staff on Memorial Day.

Adopted this the 21st day of May 2020.

REQUESTED ACTION

Adopt Proclamation in Observance of Memorial Day.