

Proclamation

National Day of Remembrance of the 78th Anniversary of D-Day

WHEREAS, June 6, 2022, marks the 78th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy, as well as the beginning of the end of World War II in Europe; and

WHEREAS, General Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a message to the Allied Expeditionary Force: "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you . . . We will accept nothing less than full victory"; and

WHEREAS, on D-Day an estimated 150,000 American, British, and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region, resulting in one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history; and

WHEREAS, our soldiers showed courage, dedication, compassion, and self-sacrifice as they fought to bring freedom to the world and end the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in the service of their country during World War II with thousands of casualties on D-Day alone; and

WHEREAS, The story of America will forever include the valor and sacrifice of the fearless servicemen who took those beaches in northwest France on June 6, 1944; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, THE CITY OF BEAUMONT DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 6, 2022 AS A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk