



Proclamation

Memorial Day 2026

TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, since 1868, Memorial Day has been uniquely an American day of remembrance on which we pay our respects and honor the memory of more than one million Americans who died in battle and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the traditions that have preceded us, many of us have friends and family members who have selflessly given themselves to the future of this great nation and who we honor on this day; and

WHEREAS, these soldiers were someone's child, spouse, parent and it is important that we remember every day, in this great nation, that our freedom came at a price; and

WHEREAS, veterans have bravely served in all parts of the world, not only fighting for our freedoms but for all mankind; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bel Aire Kansas joins with other cities throughout the State of Kansas and the United States of America in honoring those who have given their lives and recognizing that their sacrifices were noble, their heroism unparalleled and their dedication to God and Country unforgettable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jim Benage, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Bel Aire do hereby proclaim May 25th as Memorial Day in the City of Bel Aire and do urge all our citizens to join in remembering our veterans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Bel Aire, Kansas this 19th day of May, 2026.

Jim Benage, Mayor

