

# PROCLAMATION

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

JUNE 6, 2024

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 1944, scores of allied service members prepared to fight a battle that would decide the fate of freedom in the 20th century; and

**WHEREAS**, on D-Day, American, British, and Canadian forces advanced through thickets of barbed wire and scaled heavily protected cliffs. They braved gales of bullets and artillery fire, taking heavy losses as they cut through Nazi defenses. Thousands gave their last full measure of devotion; and.

**WHEREAS**, victory on D-Day dealt a significant blow to an ideology fueled by hatred and allowed America and its allies to secure a foothold in France, open a path to Berlin, and liberate a continent from the grip of tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, victory on D-Day made possible the achievements that followed the end of World War II – the Marshall Plan, the NATO alliance, and the shared prosperity and security that flowed from each; and

**WHEREAS**, eighty years later, we pay tribute to the service members who secured a beachhead on an unforgiving shore – the patriots who, through their courage and sacrifice, changed the course of an entire century; and

**WHEREAS**, today, as we carry on the struggle for liberty and universal human rights, let us draw strength from a moment when free nations beat back the forces of oppression and gave new hope to the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim that on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, Thursday, June 6, 2024, the residents of the City of Hendersonville observe this day with programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor those who fought and died so men and women they had never met might know what it is to be free.

**PROCLAIMED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor  
City of Hendersonville

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Jill Murray, City Clerk  
City of Hendersonville