

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #2440  
Independence, Iowa

## POPPY PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;

**WHEREAS**, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;

**WHEREAS**, A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;

**WHEREAS**, The red poppy has been designated a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #2440 has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower;

**THEREFORE**, I, Brad Bleichner, Mayor of Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa do hereby proclaim the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2024, as POPPY DAYS and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing or displaying the Memorial Poppy on these days.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

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Mayor

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Date