



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



Buddy Poppy Month May 2023

- WHEREAS:** The annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and
- WHEREAS:** Buddy Poppies are usually assembled by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fundraising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, as well as the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and
- WHEREAS:** The purpose of the sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to “honor the dead by helping the living”; and
- WHEREAS:** Members of VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth will be selling Buddy Poppies at Stop and Shop (850 NJ-35) the weekends of Saturday, May 13th – Sunday, May 14th and Saturday, May 20th – Sunday, May 21st. The Post will also share updates on its Facebook page (VFW Post 2179 Port Monmouth, NJ); and
- WHEREAS:** We urge all patriotic citizens to support our local VFW Post and proudly purchase and wear a Buddy Poppy as a symbol of gratitude to the individuals of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as **Buddy Poppy Month** in Middletown Township. We hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to this invaluable program.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this 1st day of May in the year two thousand twenty-three*

Mayor Tony Perry