

- **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, and 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:** We urge all patriotic citizens to 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 2022 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 18^{th} day of April in the year two thousand twenty-two

Mayor Tony Perry