

# City of Oelwein

## Office of The Mayor

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA

### Proclamation

- Whereas,** America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and
- Whereas,** Because the Memorial Poppy is an emblem of sacrifice, those who love it must make every effort to teach the public the true meaning of the flower; and
- Whereas,** If, in the season of Memorial Day, the poppy can make the indifferent public recall the sacrifices which have been made by the men and women who gave their lives that our country might be saved, the first and greatest mission of the poppy has been fulfilled; and
- Whereas,** This remembrance period is a time for all citizens in this community to reflect and recall to mind the many sacrifices made by our Veterans to ensure the peace we now enjoy. The Poppy symbolically perpetuates the memory and deeds of the fallen and those who die in the future. It is a symbol of both peace and hope.
- Whereas,** The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower.

**Now, Therefore, I,** Brett DeVore, Mayor of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, do hereby proclaim  
May 24 & 25, 2026

#### MEMORIAL POPPY DAYS

In Oelwein and call upon all of our citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, to be affixed. Done at Oelwein, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

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Mayor