



**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF
KRAUS HARTIG VFW POST 6587
APRIL 2026**

WHEREAS, Kraus Hartig VFW Post 6587 was chartered on April 4, 1946; and

WHEREAS, the post was named after P.F.C. Richard Kraus, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor after falling upon a Japanese grenade to save his fellow comrades on October 3, 1944, and Lt. Fred Hartig, Jr., who was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Air Medal and Purple Heart after engaging the enemy over the English Channel on January 24, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Kraus Hartig VFW has served veterans and the broader community since its founding by supporting and advocating for veterans upon their return from service; providing meeting space to nonprofit organizations; sponsoring youth activities and community programs; supporting public safety efforts; and contributing to numerous local initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Kraus Hartig VFW is a valued partner with the City of Spring Lake Park, co-sponsoring community events including Tower Days and the Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon; providing space for Recreation Department programs; and supporting public safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS April 2026 marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of Kraus Hartig VFW Post 6587, and it is fitting to recognize the organization for eight decades of dedicated service to veterans and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Nelson, Mayor of the City of Spring Lake Park, do hereby proclaim July 6, 2021 as

KRAUS HARTIG VFW 80TH ANNIVERSARY MONTH

in the City of Spring Lake Park and do hereby thank the members of Kraus Hartig VFW Post 6587 for their continued service to our country and our community.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2026.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator