

TO: Richard McNabb, Mayor

City Council Members

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DATE: October 30, 2023

REF: National Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Proclamation

Summary:

This proclamation is in remembrance of 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor and the entrance of the United States into World War II.

Background:

Each year on December 7th, Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Another 1,178 people were injured. Eight Navy battleships were among the 18 Naval ships either damaged or sunk. On Oahu military bases, 178 aircraft were destroyed.

December 7, 1941 was a catalyst that led to a changed world. The 82nd Commemoration will tell the story of the multi-pronged attack across the Pacific and in particular the attack on Pearl Harbor. The goal of the commemoration is to ensure that future generations will understand the valor and legacy of those who perished and those who fought throughout the war. The commemoration also highlights the importance of the peace that brought reconciliation, a reconciliation that continues to move forward today in creating a better future for all.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the 81st National Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Proclamation and rest that all flags be flown at half-staff on December 7, 2023.