

**PROCLAMATION
POPPY DAY**

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;

WHEREAS, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;

WHEREAS, A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;

WHEREAS, The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower; and

WHEREAS, Moina Belle Michael, who conceived the idea of using poppies as a symbol of remembrance, was born in Walton County in 1869,

THEREFORE, I David G. Thompson, Chairman of Walton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the 11th day of November, 2024, as POPPY DAY and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Walton County this 5th day of November, 2024.

David G. Thompson, Chairman
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners