

# **PROCLAMATION**

*Poppy Days*

*May 19 - 26, 2014*

*WHEREAS, the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by government leaders since 1922; and*

*WHEREAS, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and*

*WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to honor the dead by helping the living.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim **May 19<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup>** as **Poppy Days** in the Village of Barrington, and do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies showing your support and appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.*

*BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.*

*Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014*

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*Karen Darch  
Village President*