



## A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

### In Recognition of Memorial Day Poppy Distribution May 2024

- WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and
- WHEREAS, millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle; and
- WHEREAS, A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and
- 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim during the month of May in 2024, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> as MEMORIAL DAY POPPY DISTRIBUTION DAYS 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.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 20th day of May in the year of Our Lord 2024.*

*Derek Norton*

Mayor

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