

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, an organization chartered by the Congress, has been recognized and endorsed by the President of the United States and the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, 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, C.D. BAKER, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada do hereby recognize the patriotic merits of this cause by urging the citizens of this community to contribute generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on Friday and Saturday, November 6th and 7th 1953; said days being set aside for the distribution of these symbols of loyalty in the City by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts No. 1753 and 10039. I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy on Armistice Day as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this Country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Las Vegas, this 2nd day of November, 1953.

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C.D. BAKER, Mayor