



WHEREAS, the Poppy Program is the oldest and most widely recognized American Legion Auxiliary Program. Each year around Memorial Day, Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. The program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Poppy is a flower of remembrance for the sacrifice and a memorial for American soldiers who have paid the supreme sacrifice in order that America remains free; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of the Poppy Program began following World War II, the program has enabled the American Legion Auxiliary to offer direct assistance to veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary - Unit 333 has pledged to remind America annually of this debt owed to those who have died in war, through the distribution of the memorial flower.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul T Esser, Mayor of the City of Sun Prairie, do hereby proclaim
May 18 – 20, 2023 as

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POPPY 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 on these days.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sun Prairie to be affixed on this the 2nd day of May 2023.

Paul T Esser, Mayor