



MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2012-10 COMMEMORATING MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for an annual day of remembrance on May 30th for the purpose of strewing flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of Comrades who died in the defense of their country. Logan believed that this was the proudest act of his life and it remains his greatest legacy; and

WHEREAS, in honor of our fallen service members, Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, requested that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day became a federal holiday when Congress passed the National Holiday Act of 1971, which also moved the holiday from May 30th to the last Monday in May, and in May 2000, President William J. Clinton signed a resolution calling for a National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day which urges all Americans to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. (local time) on Memorial Day, to remember and reflect on sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all; and

WHEREAS, we gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made and continue to be made by the courageous servicemen and women on behalf of our great Nation and we remember Dover residents who gave the ultimate sacrifice: Ralph Bennett, George Bullock, and Ralph Patterson - World War II; Toby Collins, George Cripps, Harold Haddick, Donald Kenton, Ray Nolan, and Edwin Sornson - Vietnam; Travis Griffin and Jarrett Thompson - Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, on this solemn day in which Americans unite in remembrance of our country's fallen, we also pray for our military personnel and their families, our veterans, and all who have lost loved ones. As a grateful Nation, we forever carry the selfless sacrifice of our fallen heroes in our hearts, and we share the task of caring for those they left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council call upon the citizens of the City of Dover, Delaware to observe Memorial Day by appropriately honoring the generations of Americans who have fought and died in pursuit of peace and liberty around the world and to pause and reflect on the magnitude of past sacrifices made by our servicemen and women and their families, and the continuing service that members of our Armed Forces valiantly provide to defend our freedom.

ADOPTED: MAY 29, 2012

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