



### VFW Buddy Poppies Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental 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 distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to “Honor the Dead by Helping the Living”; and

**WHEREAS**, leadership within the City of Scappoose is built upon the philosophy that daily decisions and actions must incorporate individual accountability and ethical character qualities such as honesty, dedication, personal integrity, courage, compassion, love and respect for all people.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Joseph A. Backus, Mayor of the City of Scappoose do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations for Buddy Poppies on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

**FURTHER**, 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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Scappoose, to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Scappoose, Oregon, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023.

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:   
City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC