

PROCLAMATION

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27, 2024

WHEREAS, in the United States, we recognize Memorial Day each year on the last Monday in May; and

WHEREAS, this is a long standing tradition, beginning in 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers from both sides, calling this day Decoration Day signifying the decoration of graves with flowers and wreaths in Arlington Cemetery, and



WHEREAS, in 1873 the holiday was designated as Memorial Day as a legal holiday gaining recognition in states across the union; and

WHEREAS, following World War I, this day became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's Wars and more widely established as a National Holiday; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, then President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a veteran of war, expressed in a proclamation that Memorial Day serves as a reminder of war and its aftermath of sorrow, and for Memorial Day to be a day to pay homage to our fallen and a day to gain wisdom in our search for an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Memorial Day is still an important day of reflection, honoring loved ones and all who have made the ultimate sacrifice, losing their lives to the horrors of war; and

WHEREAS, in Marlboro, on Memorial Day, we honor those with the laying of a wreath, much like the first Decoration Day more than a 150 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor of the Township of Marlboro, along with the Township Council, do hereby honor our fallen, both here and abroad, and urge all to gather in solemn thought in the hopes for peace throughout the world, as that would be the greatest way to pay tribute to those who have given their lives to fight for our freedoms.



Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor
Township of Marlboro
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