

PROCLAMATION

Military Appreciation Month May 2021

WHEREAS, in 1999, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling for all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in the defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have served and are now serving our country; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the federal government and all state governments, local jurisdictions have the responsibility and privilege to raise awareness of and respect for this aspect of the heritage of the United States and to encourage the residents of every community to dedicate themselves to the values and principles for which Americans have served throughout the history of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the sense of wellbeing, freedom, and love of country that citizens of the United States enjoy today are the result of personal sacrifice, lives changed or lost, and ongoing vigilance given by members of our Armed Forces, both during and after one's service, and by the family members who support them; and

WHEREAS, through their commitment to freedom, America's veterans and current members of our Armed Forces have made the world more secure and have demonstrated that freedom should be cherished and appreciated by all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be

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in Albany, Oregon, and I encourage all residents to recognize the valor of our veterans and the sacrifices made by our military personnel and their families through personal thanks and words of gratitude to those we know who have served or are currently serving.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 12th day of May 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander D. Johnson II", is written over a horizontal line.

Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor