



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 27, 2024 AS
MEMORIAL DAY IN LAKE ZURICH**

WHEREAS, Memorial Day – originally called Decoration Day – is a day of remembrance for those who died in our Nation's service; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was initially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, our ancestors and previous generations fought in wars so that future generations would have freedom; and

WHEREAS, they also helped shape the society that we know today, including our political, economic, military, and social systems, advancements in science and technology, and cultural traditions that enrich our American heritage; and

WHEREAS, it is important on Memorial Day to reflect on the life memories of military personnel who fought and died for our country, to preserve the rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and to keep our Nation strong; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to renew our patriotism and to articulate our common desire to live in freedom and seek peace so that our Nation's veterans will not have died in vain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Tom Poynton, on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees and the citizens of Lake Zurich, do hereby recognize May 27, 2024 as **MEMORIAL DAY** in the Village of Lake Zurich and I urge all citizens to honor those who have died in service of the United States of America.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2024.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Poynton".

Tom Poynton, Mayor

