



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

## **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 26, 2025 AS MEMEORIAL 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**, our ancestors 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 residents of Lake Zurich, do hereby recognize May 26, 2025 as **MEMORIAL DAY** in the Village of Lake Zurich and I urge all residents to honor those who have died in service of the United States of America.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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, reading "Tom Poynton".

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Tom Poynton, Mayor