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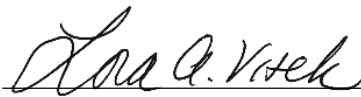
PROCLAMATION

PEARL HARBOR DAY

- WHEREAS,** National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, also referred to as Pearl Harbor Day, is observed annually in the United States on December 7th to remember and honor the surprise attack on American soil during World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** 2,403 U.S. sailors, soldiers and civilians were killed and more than 1,000 injured in the attack on the U.S. Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 2,000 miles from the U.S. Mainland on December 7th, 1941 by the Imperial Japanese Navy; and
- WHEREAS,** President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress the next day saying, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.", and Congress declared war on Japan; and
- WHEREAS,** Three days later, Japan's allies Germany and Italy declared war against the United States. Two years after the start of World War II, the United States entered the conflict; and
- WHEREAS,** Since that time, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Shield, Desert Storm and the Global War on Terror following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on U.S. soil, killing 2996 and injuring over 6000 U. S. citizens, were fought to defend and protect our Nation and its citizens by all branches of the United States armed forces; and
- WHEREAS,** Although Pearl Harbor Day is not a federal holiday, on the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings, and if possible, the flag should be flown at half-mast to honor those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2023 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and I urge all citizens to display our flag, remember this day and these other significant events in our Nation's history and honor the memory of those who served, and of those who continue to serve today. May the American flag be flown every day of the year, and patriotism be a strong and lasting thread in the fabric of our St. Charles Community.




Lora A. Vitek, Mayor