



City of St. Charles
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Proclamation

ARMED FORCES DAY

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is a day to pay tribute to men and women who served the United States' armed forces; and

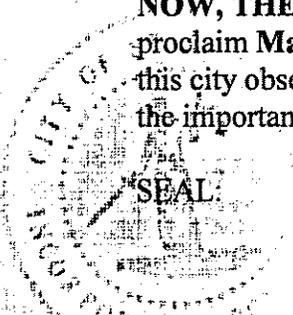
WHEREAS, the theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense," which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life.

WHEREAS, on this day we honor people who serve the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and all Reserved components of those men and women in our military who are currently serving our country in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, our friends, families and neighbors, as well as their children and grandchildren are among those serving; and

WHEREAS, these troops need and deserve our support; and by demonstrating our support we will show them our respect and appreciation for their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, hereby proclaim **May 19, 2012 as Armed Forces Day** in St. Charles and ask that all citizens of this city observe and take part by displaying flags and other patriotic symbols to recognize the importance of our service men and women and the indispensable roles they play.



Donald P. DeWitte
Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor