



City of St. Charles
I L L I N O I S

Proclamation

POPPY DAYS

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and

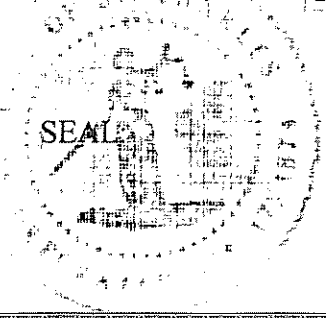
WHEREAS, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and

WHEREAS, The red poppy has been designed as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim **MAY 25 and May 26, 2012** as **POPPY DAYS** in our community and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Donald P. DeWitte", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor