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CLERK'S Kenai Peninsula Borough Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fundraising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans; and

WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living".

NOW THEREFORE, I, John J. Williams, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this community by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies and set aside the week of May 22-26, 2006, for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

Buddy Poppy Week

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the veterans of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms, which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

John J. Williams

Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor