

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this generation who grew up in the United States the Great Depression then went off to war; and

WHEREAS, 16,112,566 Americans served worldwide during World War II with 405,399 casualties and 670,846 more wounded, and 5,720,000 Americans served worldwide during the Korean War with 54,246 casualties and 103,289 more wounded; and

WHEREAS, These heroes returned home to work in the mills factories and fields without a reception or acknowledgement of gratitude; and

WHEREAS, The World War II Memorial was built in 2005 and the Korean War Memorial was built in 1995 to honor the 1,711,000 World War II and 2,244,583 Korean War Veterans still living today; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight, a 501c3 non-profit organization, was formed in 2005 to transport veterans to Washington, D.C. free of charge to see the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, 180,261 veterans have flown to Washington, D.C. from any one of 131 hubs based in one of 45 states with another 27, 272 Veterans currently on the waiting list; and

WHEREAS, The average age of the World War II veteran today is 93.5 years while the average age of the Korean War Veteran is 85 years; and

WHEREAS, The WDAY Honor Flight with its hub in Fargo, ND is celebrating the 10th Anniversary in 2017 having flown more than 1,000 veterans to Washington, D.C. from Hector International Airport; and

WHEREAS, There is currently a waiting list of approximately 200 Veterans with additional applications arriving daily and the entire budget of WDAY Honor Flight is funded by in-kind donations, corporate sponsors and fundraising activities in the community; and

WHEREAS, The WDAY Honor Flight has teamed up with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks for a community fundraising event on August 27, 2017 to celebrate the past accomplishments of Honor Flights and to dream for the future successes.

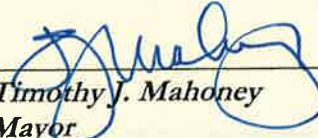
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, do hereby proclaim August 27, 2017 to be

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in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact in our community, to thank those who serve and to find ways to give back to their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 7th day of August, 2017.





Timothy J. Mahoney
Mayor
Fargo, North Dakota