



PROCLAMATION, CITY OF BLACKFOOT

***WHEREAS, wild poppies lined the devastated World War I battlefields of France and Flanders Field; and
WHEREAS, the poppy is a symbol of our remembrance of America's war heroes who died preserving
freedom; and***

WHEREAS, wearing a poppy on Remembrance Day is a tradition we continue; and

WHEREAS, the poppy is a symbol of hope for all veterans who served this great country; and

***WHEREAS, since 1922, the Buddy Poppy has been an integral part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
community and serves as the VFW's official memorial flower; and***

***WHEREAS, the Poppy represents the blood shed by American service members and it reiterates that VFW
will not forget their sacrifices.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul M. Loomis, Mayor of the City of Blackfoot do hereby proclaim, May 23rd,
2015 as "Poppy Day." I urge all citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy on this day and by doing so pay tribute to
those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. Giving under my hand this 21st day
of May, 2015.***

***Mayor Paul M. Loomis
City of Blackfoot***