

Town Council

Board Meeting Date: 5/11/2021

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SUBJECT: General Business Memorial Day Proclamation **DEPARTMENT:** Board of Trustees

PRESENTER: Ari Harrison, Trustee

TIME ESTIMATE: 5 minutes

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have given their lives in defense of the United States. The first observed Decoration Day was on May 30, 1868 under a proclamation of the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John A. Logan and included the placing of flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. With the National Holiday Act of 1971, Memorial Day was designated to be held the last Monday in May and a Federal holiday.

This year Memorial Day will be observed on May 31st, and the Town of Erie is proud to honor all of our fallen service members with this proclamation and encourage all residents to reflect on the sacrifice of the fallen, that of their fellow service men and women and the families who support them.

Board Priority(s) Addressed:

- ✓ Engaged and Diverse Community
- ✓ Small Town Feel
- ✓ Safe and Healthy Community

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proclamation