



PROCLAMATION

Flag Day 2019

WHEREAS: On June 14, 1777, the Second Constitutional Congress adopted a flag with 13 stripes and 13 stars to represent our Nation, one star for each of our founding colonies. The stars were set upon a blue field, in the words of the Congress's resolution, "representing a new constellation" in the night sky; and

WHEREAS: To commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" and requested that the President issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings. The Congress also requested, by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966, as amended (80 Stat. 194), that the President annually issue a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as "National Flag Week" and call upon the people of the United States to display the flag during that week; and

WHEREAS: Flag Day is a time to honor America, to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: We remain committed to defending the liberties and freedoms the flag represents, and on Flag Day, and during National Flag Week, we celebrate the beacon of hope that our flag has become for us and for people around the world,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael O'Connor, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2019, as **Flag Day**, and I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by displaying the flag and to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day.

Mayor Michael O'Connor
Aldermen: Kelly Russell, President Pro-Tem,
Derek Shackelford, Roger Wilson,
Donna Kuzemchak, Ben MacShane