

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**VFW BUDDY POPPY DAYS
MAY 20 – 24, 2026**

WHEREAS, the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized by government leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceed of this worthy fundraising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual distribution 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, Mayor Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim May 20 – 24, 2026 as

**VFW BUDDY POPPY DAYS
in the City of Naperville**

and urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as visible evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens and request the citizens of Naperville to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through donations for Buddy Poppies on the days set aside for the distribution of those symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead and those who continue to serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 19th day of May 2026.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Wehrli", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Wehrli, Mayor