

## MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day—originally called Decoration Day—is a day of remembrance for those who died in our Nation's service; and
- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day was initially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11; and
- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and
- WHEREAS,** Our predecessors fought in wars so that future generations would have freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** They helped shape the society that we know today, including our political, economic, military, and social systems; advancements in science and technology; and cultural traditions that enrich our heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important on Memorial Day to reflect on whole-life memories of military personnel who fought and died for our country, to preserve the rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and to keep our Nation strong; and
- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to renew our patriotism, and to articulate our common desire to live in freedom and seek peace, so that our Nation's veterans will not have died in vain;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, Idaho, do hereby recognize May 27, 2013, as

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in the city, and I urge all citizens to honor those who have died in service to our country.



DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013

*Nancy Chaney*  
Nancy Chaney, Mayor