



# PROCLAMATION

*OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

## **Buddy Poppy Drive May 2009**

**WHEREAS:** The annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922, and

**WHEREAS:** Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fundraising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and

**WHEREAS:** The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "honor the dead by helping the living." The 2009 Buddy Poppy Drive is being held from May 1 through May 31, 2009, and

**WHEREAS:** The Middletown VFW 2179 and its Ladies Auxiliary have promoted the sale of the Buddy Poppy and through their programs of hospital visits and parties at the Menlo Park Veterans facility. They have distributed these funds to worthy individuals in residence.

**NOW**

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill, and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim on April 20, 2009 that May 2009 is Buddy Poppy Month in Middletown Township. We hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

We urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as a mute 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.

Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill