

City of Sunnyside, Washington



Proclamation

Memorial Day 2017

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States have placed the security of our Nation before their own safety and America will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifice; and,

WHEREAS, defending the freedom of our Nation has required the service and sacrifice of those from every generation. From the first shot of the Revolutionary War, to the forests of the Ardennes, to the islands of the Pacific and the jungles of South East Asia and even now to the deserts of Afghanistan and Iraq. All who enjoy the blessings of liberty live in their debt; and,

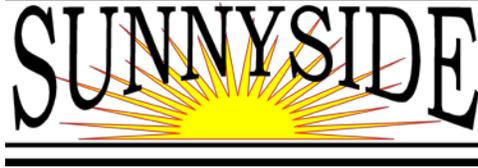
WHEREAS, this debt of gratitude extends also to the families who stood by our servicemen and women in times of war and times of peace, and those who list their lives in the defense of freedom helped protect our citizens and lay the foundation of peace for people everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1950, the Congress of the United States by joint resolution requested the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer; and,

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 7315 signed by President William J. Clinton on May 26, 2000, designated 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe, in their own way, the National Moment of Remembrance; and,

WHEREAS, to this end we wish to join with President Donald Trump and Governor Jay Inslee in honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we may continue to live and prosper under the blanket of freedom.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, James A. Restucci, Mayor of the City of Sunnyside, Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Washington and with the consent of the City Council do hereby proclaim Monday, May 29, 2017 as **Memorial Day** in the City of Sunnyside.

CITIZENS of our community are encouraged to take part in the events planned for that day, including the National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. and to display the United States flag at half-staff from their homes for the customary forenoon period; and,

FURTHERMORE, I direct the City Manager or his designee to lower the flags of the United States and Washington State to half-staff at all city facilities pursuant to Sunnyside Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 1.13.030 till noon on this day, and to display the National League of Families' POW-MIA flag along with the flags of the United States and Washington State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT SUNNYSIDE THIS 26TH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN.

JAMES A. RESTUCCI
MAYOR OF SUNNYSIDE