

## **PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS,** America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;*

***WHEREAS,** Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;*

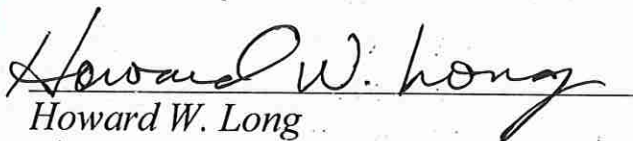
***WHEREAS,** A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;*

***WHEREAS,** The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and*

***WHEREAS,** The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower;*

***THEREFORE,** I, Howard W. Long, Mayor of Boonsboro, of Washington County, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as **POPPY MONTH** and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Boonsboro, Maryland, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.*

  
Howard W. Long  
Mayor Town of Boonsboro