

**CITY OF NEVADA
MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
VFW – BUDDY POPPY DAYS
October 21 – 22, 2016
Ralph V. Bobbett VFW Post #2175**

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, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising 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 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, Brian Leonard, Mayor of the City of Nevada, Missouri do hereby proclaim October 21st and 22nd, 2016 as **VFW Buddy Poppy Days**, and urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations for Buddy Poppies from the Ralph V. Bobbett Post #2175 as symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as 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.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Nevada, Missouri to be affixed this 18th day of October, 2016.

(seal)
ATTEST:

Brian L. Leonard, Mayor

Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk