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, TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the 30th day of April, 2016, as

"BENSON POPPY DAY"

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 City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, this 25th day of April, 2016.

TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

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