



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE DECLARING MAY 26, 2025,
AS MEMORIAL DAY AT THE EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS' MONUMENT**

- WHEREAS:** Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first celebrated on May 5th, 1866 in Waterloo, New York; and
- WHEREAS:** On May 5th, 1868, General John Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed; and
- WHEREAS:** Memorial Day originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS:** Our great Nation is founded on the ideals of liberty and all individuals are created equal and we, as free citizens, have called on our military to protect those ideals, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice and laid down their own lives in defense of our Nation and her ideals; and
- WHEREAS:** As we honor their ultimate sacrifice, we must never forget our continued liberty and freedom is indeed not free, and it is our duty as citizens to uphold the principles they fought and died defending; and
- WHEREAS:** This Memorial Day, we honor all veterans, but especially the City of Placerville and El Dorado County veterans who gave their lives defending our freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Clerici, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2025, as Memorial Day at the El Dorado County Veterans’ Monument. We stand here today, proud, and part of a grateful Nation to pay our solemn respect to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom and ideals.

Dated: May 26, 2025

Mayor John Clerici