



**A Proclamation of the City Council  
of the City of Placerville Declaring May 31, 2021,  
as Memorial Day at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument**

- WHEREAS:** We are blessed beyond measure by the sacred freedoms we enjoy as American citizens. We recognize that the price of freedom and liberty is high, and that price has been paid in the sacrifice of the brave men and women who have laid down their own lives in defense of our great Nation and her founding ideals we hold so sacred; and
- WHEREAS:** on Veterans Day, we honor those who serve with valor, courage, and distinction in the United States Armed Forces. It is on Memorial Day we have the opportunity and duty to offer our proper respect and gratitude to our Nation's veterans, and their families, who have paid the ultimate price in securing the American way of life we so fully enjoy; and
- WHEREAS:** the essence of tribute was poignantly captured by then-Congressman James Garfield's 1868 Decoration Day address at Arlington where he said, "if silence is ever golden, it must be here beside the graves of fifteen thousand men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem, the music of which can never be sung."; and
- WHEREAS:** this Memorial Day, I would like to draw additional attention to those that have served and died in current conflicts. To recognize the freedoms that are exercised in today's political climate continue because our current generation is fighting battles, losing their lives abroad, to ensure our freedom at home:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Thomas,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2021 as Memorial Day. Let us join with the hearts of a grateful Nation as we embrace this Day of Remembrance in honoring the generations of Americans who have fought and died to secure our blessings of Liberty. May God bless their sacrifice as we honor their gift.

Dated: May 31, 2021

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Mayor Dennis Thomas