



Proclamation

of the City Council

A Grateful Nation Remembers

May 29-30, 2021

WHEREAS, Memorial Day we pause in solemn gratitude to pay tribute to the brave patriots who laid down their lives defending peace and freedom while in military service to our great Nation. We set aside this day to honor their sacrifice and to remind all Americans of the tremendous price of our precious liberty; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 **Michael A. Ciociola**, Lead Pastor at Calvary Christian Center began Memorial Day ceremonies, to provide his congregation and community an avenue to pay honor and tribute to veterans and military personnel who have paid the price for the freedoms we as Americans enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Christian Center members provide set design, construction, and actors. Over 200 church members participate in the ceremonies. Many Beale AFB Airman volunteer for the construction and community assistance for the Freedom's Heroes Outdoor Memorial, train medical reenactors and erect the Alaskan Tent for the Afghanistan Field Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the memorial display has developed throughout the years capturing the tributes and dedications of our great fallen heroes:

- 1994 - Vietnam Wall (3 panels)
- 1995 - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier *Added*
- 1996 - Vietnam Bearcat Field Hospital *Added*; 2 Panels *Added* to Vietnam Wall
- 2001 - Present 6-Panel Vietnam Wall Constructed
- 2002 - 9/11 Tribute *Added* (Firemen/Twin Towers)
- 2003 - War on Terror Tribute (Tumbling of Saddam Hussein Statue)
- 2004 - War on Terror Tribute (Honoring Current Military Personnel)
- 2005 - War on Terror Tribute (Iraqi Voters); The Moving Wall on display
- 2006 - War on Terror Tribute (Salute to the Fallen) - Freedoms Heroes War on Terror Memorial Constructed (East Park Area)
- 2007 - Tribute at Arlington - 4 Panels *Added* to Freedoms Heroes Memorial
- 2008 - Present - Panels added annually as needed. As of 2021, a total of 21 panels
- 2015 - Afghanistan Field Hospital *Added*

WHEREAS, Yuba City Citizens and Americans throughout the United States live in freedom because of the sacrifices made by those who have served and by those who continue to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Marc Boomgaarden, Mayor of the City of Yuba City and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize A Grateful Nation Remembers and Michael Ciociola for their contributions to create this exhibit for all of the community to come and pay their respects for those fallen soldiers on Memorial Day.

Done this 18th day of May, 2021, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.