Proclamation

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of those who have lost their lives, their health, or their livelihood as a result of their military service are rightly the concern of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the Poppy as its memorial flower which pays tribute to the war dead, and aids the living veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Poppy as a memorial flower for the American war dead, is a tradition which began in the years following the First World War; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Auxiliary Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthwhile fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig C. Powell, Mayor of the City of Coffeyville, Kansas, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 28, 2016, as

"POPPY DAY"

and do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead. I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude of the men and women of this country who have risked or lost their lives in fulfilling their obligations as American citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coffeyville, Kansas, to be affixed this 24th day of May, 2016.

Craig C. Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Price, City Clerk

CITY OF COFFEYVILLE SEAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS