

## *PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS,* The challenges to our Nation's peace and freedom are as old as American History and as new as today's headlines; and,

*WHEREAS,* Throughout our history, America's sons and daughters have proudly answered the call to defend our fundamental liberties and to safeguard the freedoms of peace-seeking countries around the globe; and,

*WHEREAS,* The observance of Memorial Day began shortly after the Civil War and became the occasion for commemorating lives lost in all military conflicts; and,

*WHEREAS,* Each year, on the last Monday in May, our nation marvels at the valor and determination of these gallant Americans who, in each generation, have stepped forward to preserve our freedom, defend our democracy, uphold our ideals and protect our interests.

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, do hereby proclaim this day, Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as a day to stop and take a moment to honor all veterans, display our great nation's flag with dignity and respect and celebrate Memorial Day thoughtfully. I urge all persons to remember the service of our heroic veterans and honor their sacrifices, pray for our current active military serving throughout the world, and please pray for peace and healing for our world.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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John Pribonic  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Pribonic", is written over a horizontal line.