Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Clark County Veterans War Memorial, built in 1998 and located on the footprint of the Vancouver Barracks chapel, serves as a place of honor for our Clark County fallen so we never forget their sacrifices. Freedom is not free it is paid for by the lives of our very best; and
- WHEREAS, the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), a non-profit organization comprising more than 40 organizations, was created for the purpose of connecting all veteran-advocacy organizations, public and private, in and around the Greater Vancouver-Portland region, including all of Clark County; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver, the 40 et 8, Voiture 99, the National Park Service, Armed Forces Reserve Center and the Fort Vancouver National Trust serve as partners as CMAC executes its objectives of recognizing and appreciating every veteran's service to our country and promoting events in the community through a network of service agencies and programs which benefit our military; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver has earned the distinction of being a patriotic community and takes pride in honoring our fallen service members at the annual Memorial Day Observance, sponsored by the Community Military Appreciation Committee, at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site; and
- WHEREAS, Waste Connections, Inc. has again agreed to serve as corporate sponsor for the Memorial Day Observance. We are pleased to see the community step up and ensure significant events and activities are funded while promoting the character and history of our community; and
- WHEREAS, this year's observance will have Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez as the Keynote Speaker and will feature special remarks by Gold Star Mother, Meredith McMackin, and the official laying of the wreath at the Clark County Veterans War Memorial to honor those who made the final sacrifice for their country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby recognize Monday, May 29th, 2023, as:

"Memorial Day at Vancouver Barracks"

and encourage all community members to join in the recognition of our veterans.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 22nd day of May, 2023.

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ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR