

# MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day--originally called Decoration Day--is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our Nation's service; and
- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11; and
- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and
- WHEREAS,** our predecessors shaped the structure of our political system, laid the groundwork for discoveries in science and medical research, started long-lasting traditions that enrich our heritage, and fought in wars so that future generations would have freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important on Memorial Day to reflect on the memories of military personnel who fought and died for our country to preserve the rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to renew our patriotism, to articulate our common desire to live in freedom and seek peace, so that our Nation's veterans will not have died in vain.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho, do hereby recognize May 30, 2011, as

## ***MEMORIAL DAY***

in the City of Moscow, and I urge all citizens to honor those who have died in service of country.



DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011

*Nancy Chaney*  
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Nancy Chaney, Mayor