



# Tompkins County Legislature

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a day to honor and pay respects to the military lives lost in defense of our nation, and

WHEREAS, it is a day set aside where Veterans, military families, and civilians decorate the grave sites of the late military servicemembers whose sacrifice our nation should never forget, and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day weekend is viewed by many as the kickoff of summer – complete with cookouts, family gatherings, travels -- residents of this great State and County are asked to acknowledge during that time that no debt is greater than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation, and for those who continue to be missing in action, and

WHEREAS, the service members who died for our freedom represent the diverse patchwork that is the United States of America, encompassing all stations of wealth, class, race, gender, geography, and ideology, and

WHEREAS, in acknowledging the price for freedom is always close to home, we pay homage to the memories of the 12 sons of Tompkins County lost during the Vietnam War and five more local sons lost in military hostilities since the turn of this century, and

WHEREAS, military service comes with inherent dangers from a military base to training to combat, loved ones of those lost to service need all to appreciate the true price of their sacrifice, and

WHEREAS, local Veterans' organizations, their supporters, and Veterans' families will fan out this weekend of Memorial Day to cemeteries across Tompkins County to post U.S. flags at the final resting place of late servicemembers so that their commitment to country is never forgotten, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Legislature, does hereby proclaim May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## MEMORIAL DAY

in Tompkins County,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature encourages all residents to pause and honor our fallen and late military members whose sacrifice made possible today's freedoms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Dan Klein, on behalf of the Tompkins County Legislature, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of Tompkins County, State of New York, on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Dan Klein, Chair  
Tompkins County Legislature