

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

MAY 2026

WHEREAS, the sense of wellbeing, freedom and love of country that citizens of the United States enjoy today are the result of personal sacrifice, lives changed or lost and ongoing vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation in caring for and always honoring our military during and after one's service; and

WHEREAS, the federal, state and local governments have the responsibility and privilege to raise awareness of and respect for this aspect of the heritage of the United States we have inherited and to encourage the people of each state to dedicate themselves to the values and principles for which Americans have served throughout the history of the nation, and in this highly effective way, we may sustain with hope and dignity the morale and improve the quality of life and wellbeing for service members and their families, for most assuredly they are our most precious national assets of interest to be protected always and forevermore; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation, as each great state of our nation has uniquely made its homeland a "home" for those we hold so dear in appreciation for their service, for in this way, we are most certainly the land of the free and home of the brave; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, in April 2004, passed resolution (H.Con.Res.328) proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives or those who suffer with visible or invisible wounds in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and those who are now serving our Country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for all of America to fully express our gratitude and support, as we celebrate Loyalty Day (May 1), Victory in Europe (VE) Day (May 8), Military Spouses Appreciation Day (May 8), Armed Forces Day (May 16), Memorial Day (May 25), and Flag Day (June 14) in this period.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim **May 2026** as **MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH** in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: May 1, 2026



STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR