

*Office of the Mayor*

# Proclamation

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hereas:

America is the land of

freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers, and;

**WHEREAS**, millions who have answered the call to arms, and;

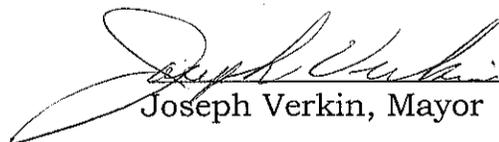
**WHEREAS**, a nation of peace must be reminded of the price of war and debt owed to those who have died in war, and;

**WHEREAS**, the red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars, and;

**WHEREAS**, the American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind American annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower, and;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Joseph Verkin as Mayor of the Village of Genoa, Ohio hereby proclaims Friday, May 24, 2002, as "**POPPY DAYS**", in the Village of Genoa, and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

In witness I have set my hand, and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Village of Genoa this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

  
Joseph Verkin, Mayor

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hereas:

the Congress of the

United States of America has designated the Week of May 13<sup>th</sup> to be dedicated as "National Police Week", and May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to be "Police Memorial Day", and;

**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement officers are our guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual right to be free men, warriors in the war against crime, and dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is known that every forty-six hours an American police officer will be killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States, and 136 officers will be seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties, our community joins with other cities, and towns to honor all peace officers everywhere, and;

**SECTION 1.** The week of May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup> is designated to be **POLICE WEEK**, and call upon all our citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the police officers of this Village be deed, remark, and attitude, I call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express their thanks to our men who make it possible for us to leave our homes knowing we are protected by men willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Joseph Verkin as Mayor of the Village of Genoa, Ohio hereby proclaims the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> - May 19<sup>th</sup> 2002, as Police Memorial Week, and May 15<sup>th</sup> as Police Memorial Day.

In witness I have set my hand, and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Village of Genoa this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

  
Joseph Verkin, Mayor

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hereas:

May 2, 2002, is set aside for

National Day of Prayer.

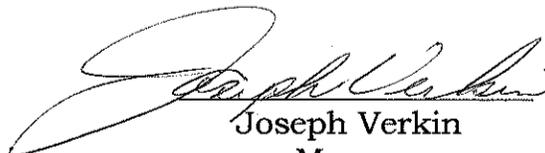
**WHEREAS**, our Christian Community wishes to observe this day in our Village by observing a period of time to pray for our community, our nation and our world, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Genoa Area Ministerial Association requested the citizens of Genoa, and the Genoa area to observe this day from 12:00, noon to 12:45 p.m. at the Village Town Hall for a time of prayer, and;

**WHEREAS**, this day is observed as part of the American Family Association, and;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Joseph Verkin as Mayor of the Village of Genoa, Ohio does hereby proclaim Thursday, May 2, 2002, from 12:00, noon, to 12:45 p.m. in council chambers, or on the front lawn as a time for citizens of Genoa, Ohio, and the Genoa area to join together in prayer for our village, our state, our nation and our world.

In witness I have set my hand, and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Village of Genoa this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2002.

  
Joseph Verkin  
Mayor

# Proclamation

**Whereas:**

In 1872 J. Sterling Morton

proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and;

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and;

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind, and water cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and;

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and;

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**WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and;

**WHEREAS,** trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and;

**WHEREAS,** we want to recognize the family members and friends of the following people for their consideration of planting memorial trees:

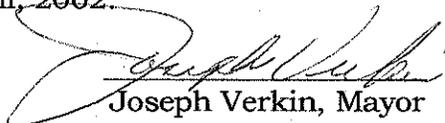
**Richard Stein**  
**Mark Wheeler**  
**Jack Bower**

Also, two trees in memory of the people who lost their lives in the 9-11-01 tragedy, and;

**WHEREAS,** Genoa has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and desires to continue its tree-planting ways, the Village of Genoa does want to participate in the celebration of Arbor Day.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Joseph Verkin as Mayor of the Village of Genoa, Ohio does hereby proclaim April 26, 2002, as Arbor Day, in the Village of Genoa, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our city's community forestry program.

In witness I have set my hand, and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Village of Genoa this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

  
Joseph Verkin, Mayor