

**Proclamation**  
**Honoring Pearl Harbor Day**  
**December 7, 2021**

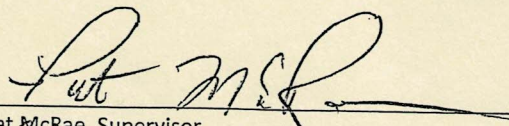
**WHEREAS:** 80 years ago, this morning, the sky over Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was filled with Japanese planes. In that morning, men and women were killed as they ran to man their battle stations while families across our nation listened in horror as the radio announced the destruction and death. When the last wave of attacking aircraft rejoined the Japanese fleet, 1,178 Americans lay wounded and 2,403 lay dead or dying. The U.S. Pacific fleet was in shambles. Today we are here to honor those men, women and families,

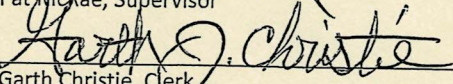
**WHEREAS:** The State of Michigan lost 58 service members on that day; 34 on the USS Arizona, 13 on the USS Oklahoma, 3 on the USS Nevada, 1 on the USS Pennsylvania, 1 on the USS California, 1 on the USS Utah and 4 on Hickman Field. These were our own heroes, and

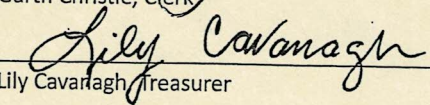
**WHEREAS:** The United States of America began its entry into a second World War on this day, which would last over the next five years. During the next forth-four months, spouses and children watched their fathers and mothers, sons and daughters answer the call to arms. Nearly 300,000 of those men and women never saw their families again, and

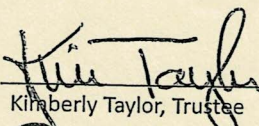
**WHEREAS:** Beginning at Pearl Harbor and throughout World War II, American soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen suffered injuries, many of which they carried all of their lives. All of America was affected during the years that followed.

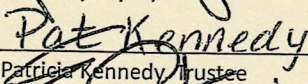
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED:** The Charter Township of Redford Board of Trustees honor the 2,403 for whom the beginning was also the end. We are also honoring the Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 345 for its proud service to its veterans here in the community. The Board recognizes all who paid a price so we might stand here today.

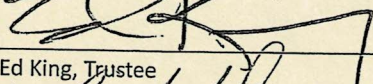
  
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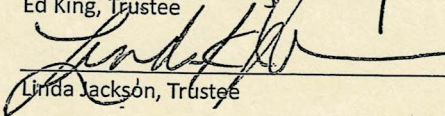
  
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