

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2015, a significant community achievement was realized with the dedication of the re-created Boy in Blue Civil War Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS, this 10th anniversary in 2025 underscores the remarkable efforts of dedicated local volunteers who, beginning in 2010, undertook the challenging task of completely re-creating the memorial from historical photographs and blueprints; and

WHEREAS, the re-creation was necessitated by the loss of the original 1892-93 memorial due to neglect, vandalism, and weather by 1927; and

WHEREAS, through tireless fundraising, securing nearly \$200,000, and working with the City of Mankato, they successfully erected the memorial in Lincoln Park.

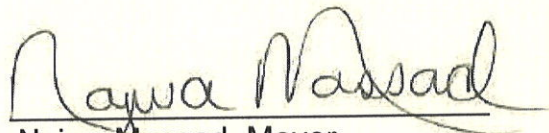
WHEREAS, the choice of May 30, 2015, for the rededication paid homage to the original "Decoration Day" (now Memorial Day) and the initial dedication of the Boy in Blue Memorial on May 30, 1893.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Najwa Massad, Mayor of Mankato, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2025, as

**BOY IN BLUE MEMORIAL DAY MARKING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
END OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR IN 1865**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 28th day of April 2025.




Najwa Massad, Mayor