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Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer, Framingham Veteran's Services Department, Framingham Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Framingham Elk's to host a Flag Day Parade on June 10, 2018

Framingham, MA – Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer, the Framingham Veteran's Services Department, Framingham Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Framingham Elks are pleased to announce that the City of Framingham will host a Flag Day Parade on June 10, 2018.

"I am pleased that we are reinstating the Flag Day parade in the City of Framingham honoring the men and women that are serving our nation in the armed forces and honoring our veterans that have served our nation; and also for their families, who too have sacrificed for our freedom," said Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer.

About Flag Day

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Flag Day was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. *"I therefore suggest and request that throughout the nation and if possible in every community the fourteenth day of June be observed as Flag Day with special patriotic exercises,"* said President Woodrow Wilson.

On August 3, 1949 President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. President Truman's Proclamation states:

"We celebrate Flag Day this year with a fresh sense of our strength as a nation. Solemnly, we accept the responsibilities placed upon us by our power.

We honor the men and women in the armed services and in the factories and homes who, with God's help, have given us our victories. We face the battle ahead with solemn gratitude for the triumphs of the past.

Our Flag has accompanied our fighting men on a hundred battlefields. It flies beyond the seas over the friendly lands our arms have freed, and over the hostile countries our arms have conquered. Our Flag will be planted in the heart of the empire of our last remaining enemy.

As we press forward to final victory, we are strengthened with the knowledge that for millions of people in other lands as well as in our own our Flag is a living token of human integrity and freedom.



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Let us observe this Flag Day by raising our Flag and beside it the flags of the United Nations. It is especially fitting that we thus honor our Allies at a time when we are working with them to lay a firm foundation for world peace. Let this display of the flags of the United Nations symbolize our unity with our Allies both upon the battlefields of war and under the skies of peace. Let us again dedicate ourselves and our Republic, under God, to the united cause of peace and justice and the brotherhood of all men everywhere..."

Please save the date for Flag Day and if you would like to take part in the parade as a volunteer or a sponsor please email FlagDay@FraminghamMa.gov or contact the Veteran Services Office at 508-532-5515.

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