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MEDIA NEWS RELEASE **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **“THE PAYSON PATRIOTIC EVENTS COMMITTEE WISHES TO INFORM ALL CITIZENS THAT ALL FORMAL PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH MEMORIAL DAY FOR THIS YEAR WILL, ONCE AGAIN, BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE PRESENT SITUATION WITH THE CORONA VIRUS AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED.**
- **IN LIEU OF THE FORMAL PROGRAMS NORMALLY PRESENTED, A VIRTUAL VIDEO TRIBUTE HAS BEEN CRAFTED AND WILL BE PRESENTED ON MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY 31 MAY. THE MEMORIAL DAY VIDEO TRIBUTE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK AT “ADVENTURE PAYSON” AND ONLINE AT www.paysonrimcountry.com.**
- **THE THEME SELECTED FOR THIS YEAR IS, “*A TIME TO REMEMBER FROM WHENCE WE CAME AND REFLECT UPON HOW WE PAID THE PRICE FOR THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY TODAY*”. THIS IS A TIME FOR ALL TO REMEMBER, REFLECT AND PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL AMERICAN PATRIOT AND FEATURES OUR AMERICAN VETERANS, PAST, PRESENT AND THOSE YET TO COME.**
- **ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN OUR NATION’S SERVICE AND HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEFENDED AND CONTINUE TO DEFEND THE STANDARDS AND VALUES UPON WHICH OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED. WE MUST ALSO INCLUDE THOSE WHO SERVE ON OUR NATION’S HOMEFRONT, THE FIRST RESPONDERS, OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, THE DOCTORS AND NURSES AND THE MANY OTHERS WHO ARE SERVING DURING THIS TIME OF CRISIS AS WE FACE UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES AT HOME AND ABROAD.**
- **MEMORIAL DAY IS PROCLAIMED AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE AND TO HONOR OUR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY. THIS YEAR, WE ARE INVOLVED IN A WORLD-WIDE PANDEMIC THAT IS IMPACTING ON US ALL AS WE STRUGGLE TO DEAL WITH THE PRESENT CRISIS.**

- CONSIDERING THE CURRENT CRISIS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN WITH YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, IN SPIRIT, TO **REMEMBER** OUR VETERANS PAST; **RE-DEDICATE** OURSELVES TO THE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT AND DIED; AND PLEDGE OUR **RESOLVE** TO SUPPORT OUR PRESENT-DAY ARMED FORCES, DEPLOYED WORLD-WIDE. THEY HAVE FOUGHT AND ARE CONTINUING TO FIGHT TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND OUR PRECIOUS FREEDOMS. MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED TO BAND TOGETHER AS CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY TO MEET THE UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES AHEAD.
- **AN ADDED NOTE:** YOU ARE FURTHER REMINDED THAT, BY PRESIDENTIAL RESOLUTION: AT 3PM (LOCAL TIME) ON MEMORIAL DAY, ALL AMERICANS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTARILY AND INFORMALLY OBSERVE, IN THEIR OWN WAY, A **MOMENT OF SILENCE** IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION...PLEASE JOIN WITH US IN **REMEMBRANCE, SUPPORT AND PRAYER!!!!**
- REMEMBER, OUR VIRTUAL VIDEO TRIBUTE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MEMORIAL DAY (5/31) ON FACEBOOK AT “**ADVENTURE PAYSON**” AND ONLINE AT www.paysonrimcountry.com.



*The above information is current and should be presented to the public in order that they may plan to observe **Memorial Day 2021**.*



Respectfully Submitted

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