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# Proclamation Remembering D-Day

Resolution No. 24-228

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day when, on June 6, 1944, more than 130,000 American and Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, and thousands more parachuted in behind enemy lines, on a mission to liberate Europe from the control of Nazi Germany; and

**WHEREAS**, on the eve of the operation, the largest amphibious assault in the history of war, General Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a message to the Allied Expeditionary Force saying "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you...We will accept nothing less than full victory."; and

**WHEREAS**, 4,414 Allied troops perished on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, including 2,400 Americans, and more than 5,000 were wounded, all of whom gave their all to change the course of history and to bring liberty to millions; and

**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of Coloradans took part in Operation Overlord (the codename for the Battle of Normandy); and

**WHEREAS**, we call upon all Americans to observe this day with programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor those who fought so that men and women they had never met might know what it is to be free,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of El Paso County Commissioners hereby proclaims its gratitude and appreciation for the heroes of D-Day whose selfless service catalyzed the deliverance of oppressed people and secured freedom for decades to come.

**DONE THIS** 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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