



### **Mayor's Remarks — Memorial Day 2020**

Good morning. I am Mayor David Weiss. On behalf of a grateful community, I want to thank Corporal Lezak for his service to our country and our City. And, many thanks to the student musicians, Sara Dina and Nick Voyzey, and to our Honor Guard for helping to mark this day of remembrance.

Today we honor and reflect upon the selfless dedication of our fallen military heroes. We are forever in their debt for their unwavering commitment to protecting this nation's highest ideals of freedom and equality. In uncertain times and in the face of grave danger, these men and women ran towards the threat, sacrificing self for others and for our country. In thinking about these remarkable acts of bravery and patriotism, I find the parallels to our current crisis undeniable. As I stand here today, alone, I can't help but think that we are all called to follow the example of our fallen soldiers, to act in solidarity for the greater good of our community and nation as we protect each other during this current crisis. Ever grateful and in awe of these heroes, we can honor them by modeling ourselves after their noble acts of service and sacrifice.

On this Memorial Day, one that is unlike any other, we are asking everyone to turn on a front light or carefully place a candle in a front window at 8pm tonight. As these lights shine throughout our City, please take a moment to quietly reflect and honor those who have served. Thank you.