



BROKEN ARROW

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1944, in Naples, Italy, Broken Arrow native, Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers was the first Native American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II; and

WHEREAS, for his heroic actions on September 22, 1943, near Oliveto, Italy, despite suffering from a fractured foot, Second Lieutenant Childers led eight enlisted men up a hill into enemy fire, neutralized the attack, and did not lose a brother-in-arms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow desires to honor Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers for his exemplary courage, leadership, and devotion to duty, and to encourage all residents to remember and recognize the sacrifices of our Medal of Honor recipients;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Debra Wimpee, Mayor of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma do hereby proclaim April 8 as

ERNEST CHILDERS DAY

in the City of Broken Arrow, and I call upon all residents, organizations, and visitors to join in commemorating the legacy of Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers and in expressing our enduring gratitude to all who have served and sacrificed in defense of our Nation.

***Debra Wimpee, Mayor
City of Broken Arrow***