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150th Anniversary of General Logan's General Orders No. 11

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – At Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Washington, D.C. on 05 May 1868 Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan ordered General Orders No. 11, establishing 30 May as Decoration Day, and obviously later came to be known as Memorial Day.

Section 2 – On 05 May 2018 at the Department Encampment in Lansing, the Department of Michigan will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of General Orders No. 11 to the exact day. During the Encampment, the reading of General Logan's General Orders No. 11 will take place. Additionally, there will be ribbons provided to the Camps commemorating the 150th Anniversary that can be worn on Memorial Day.

Section 3 – During this 150th year of observance of Memorial Day (observed and traditional), may we "...at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor..."

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-second year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

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ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War