

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Legion was founded in March 1919, in Paris, France, by U.S. World War I military personnel stationed there who were dedicated to four pillars of service and advocacy - veterans, military personnel, youth, and patriotic values. Many women desired to do their part and become affiliated with the organization. During the American Legion's first convention in November of that year, the *Women's Auxiliary to the American Legion* was created. At the next convention, the women presented a list of recommendations, including deciding on their own name: the *American Legion Auxiliary*; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning both the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's main goals were to help veterans and their families. The American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. The Auxiliary advocates for veterans, educates citizens, mentors youth, and promotes patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Collectively, in 2018, the organization amassed over 10 million volunteer hours, awarded over 4,000 scholarships, raised over \$82 million for children's causes, assisted over three million veterans, served over 356,000 military families, and spent \$189 million on community service projects alone. Today, the ALA has nearly 600,000 members and more than 8,000 units nationwide; and

WHEREAS, right here in Ormond Beach, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 267 volunteer unselfishly to the cause and mission of the American Legion. The Auxiliary team works year round coordinating food drives, and raising money for veterans and the community through events like golf tournaments, and Christmas toy collections. Recently, the Auxiliary raised \$6,000 for research for the American Cancer Society. The Post 267 Auxiliary also works with other community organizations like the Thin Line Coalition to bring combat wounded veterans back into the community with fun activities and worked together to send 100 veterans and their families to a Daytona Tortugas baseball game. These are just some of the numerous examples of the way ALA selflessly helps veterans and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2019, as a time to celebrate the

100th Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary

in the City of Ormond Beach and commend the Auxiliary on all they do for local veterans and the community as they move into their next century of *Service Not Self*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor