CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 100^{TH} ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS, several women's organizations who had served faithfully during the trying days of the war wanted to continue to serve and become officially affiliated with of the American Legion in peace as they had in war; and
- WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919 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; and
- WHEREAS, in less than one year, 1,342 local units of the Women's Auxiliary to The American Legion had been organized in more than 45 states; and
- WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary is responsible for various programs including Girls State, Girls Nation, the Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation program the Poppy program that connects the image of the poppy with the sacrifice of men and women who have served and died during war; and
- WHEREAS, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans; and
- WHEREAS, the values of the American Legion Auxiliary are predicated on the tradition of patriotism and citizenship, integrity and family values, respect for uniqueness of individual members, and promoting truthful open communication in dealing with the public and its members; and
- WHEREAS, at the 99th Annual American Legion Auxiliary National Convention the membership eligibility changed to allow for the inclusion of all spouses in order to provide support to the both male and female Veterans & their families; and
- WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating its centennial in 2019-2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim November 10th, 2019, as American Legion Auxiliary Centennial Day in the City of Barre in honor of their 100th Anniversary and in celebration of the dedication and volunteerism of their robust membership and encourage residents to recognize their commitment and efforts for our veterans and their families.



Lucas J/Herring, Mayor