

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, chartered by Congress in September 1919, the **American Legion** is a wartime veterans organization with the motto *For God and Country*, and is dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy of the United States based on its four pillars; care for veterans, national security, Americanism, and children and youth, and soon thereafter on November 10, 1919, the **American Legion Auxiliary** (ALA) was established as an official affiliate to the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary mission includes supporting the American Legion, and honoring the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of the nation's veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad, and they advocate for veterans, educate citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security; and

WHEREAS, with more than 600,000 dedicated to its founding principles of Justice, Freedom, Democracy, and Loyalty, the American Legion Auxiliary is the one of the world's largest patriotic service organizations, and its members have spent millions of volunteer hours serving its mission and core values, and raised \$37 million for outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, for a century, the American Legion Auxiliary has made an impact in the lives of veterans, military personnel, and their families, including assisting in drafting the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (GI Bill), advocating on Capitol Hill, and advancing legislation that improves the quality of life for those they serve; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the **American Legion Auxiliary's 100th Anniversary**, and the celebration of Veteran's Day, members of local American Legion Auxiliaries within the 15th District are hosting a **Centennial Celebration** at Veterans Memorial Park in Tampa, Florida, on Monday, November 11, 2019, with veterans, veterans organizations, and guests, and the event includes a special presentation to Anne King Smith, President of the Auxiliary Department of Florida, and several guest speakers, and celebration provides the opportunity for everyone to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2019 as

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CENTENNIAL DAY

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of American Legion Auxiliary for their hard work and dedication on behalf of our nation's military, and in congratulating them on this special milestone anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of October, 2019.



Jane Castor

Mayor