

## Proclaiming American Legion Day In Clackamas County

*Whereas,* the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 on September 16<sup>th</sup> as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth; and

**Whereas,** over the years, the American Legion has become a preeminent community-service organization which now numbers more than 2.5 million members – men and women – in over 14,000 American Legion posts worldwide working a variety of programs that support the four pillars and benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, in Oregon there are over 27,000 members of the American Legion Family, including several Posts in Clackamas County where members take pride in their work for veterans, children and the community; and

**Whereas,** the members of the American Legion 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 100<sup>th</sup> observance of American Legion Day provides an opportunity to recognize and congratulate the members of the American Legion in our community.

**Now, therefore**, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 16<sup>th</sup> as American Legion Day in Clackamas County. We encourage all citizen to join us in celebrating the contributions from the American Legion and acknowledge their 100 years of service.

**Dated** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

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