



## **Mayoral Proclamation**

### **American Legion Auxiliary Centennial Day**

WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of care for veterans, national security, Americanism, and children and youth; 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 American Legion Auxiliary was also 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, The West Chicago American Legion Auxiliary supports The American Legion's mission and advocates for veterans, educates our citizens, mentors youth, and promotes patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security; and

WHEREAS, every other year the West Chicago American Legion Auxiliary participates in the Poppy Program, and the funds collected are distributed to three local organizations: Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, DuPage Care Center Vetso Program, and DuPage Veterans Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 and 2019 the West Chicago American Legion Auxiliary hosted "Christmas in July" dinners for Veterans at the DuPage Care Center, providing each with a meal and gift bag full of warm socks and toiletries; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating its centennial in 2019-2020 and is one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ruben Pineda, Mayor of the City of West Chicago, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2019 as "American Legion Auxiliary Centennial Day."

Proclaimed this 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

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Mayor Ruben Pineda

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City Clerk Nancy M. Smith