

## PROCLAMATION Honoring September 18, 2019 as American Legion Day in Franklin, Tennessee

- WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States granted The American Legion a federal charter on September 16, 1919 and it was incorporated as a patriotic veteran organization devoted to mutual helpfulness; and
- **WHEREAS**, it is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Legion evolved from group of veterans of World War I to become one of the largest non-profit service organizations in the United States with a membership over 2 million in 12,000 plus posts worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, American Legion John E. Stephens Post No. 22, Franklin, Tennessee was granted a Temporary Charter on September 18, 1919 and has been a continual part of the Franklin community for the past 100 years fulfilling the purposes for which the American Legion was formed.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of Franklin, Tennessee do hereby proclaim September 18, 2019 as:

## **American Legion Day**

In Franklin in recognition of the dedication, patriotism and contribution of Legionnaires, past, present and future, and their resolve that this nation shall continue to honor the service and sacrifice of all its military personnel and their families.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.