

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ira L. Cater Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 318 and Auxiliary founded in Olympia, Washington in 1919 has provided a century of service to veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 conducts community outreach to veterans in the form of a food locker, emergency assistance, Christmas baskets and assistance with veteran's claims by providing a dedicated Service Officer; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 works tirelessly requesting donations through activities such as coffee stops, buddy poppies, raffles, bazaars, rummage sales, and aluminum recycling events for donations to veterans organizations including the USO at JBLM, VA, Fisher House at JBLM, and the State and National Children's Homes; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 members have been serving disabled and aging veterans in nursing homes, hospitals, the Veterans Administration at American Lake, and JBLM through outreach visits and events; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 is proud to provide an honor guard for any veteran's memorial; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 serves the community by posting colors on Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, POW/MIA Day, Relay for Life, and other ceremonies in Olympia and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 facilities are used for weddings, retirement parties, memorials, meetings of other Veterans organizations and business events; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 proudly hosts the Quilts of Valor presentations whose mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 honors families by serving breakfast for Mother's Day and Father's Day; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 serves a monthly breakfast to the USMC league; and

WHEREAS VFW Post 318 holds a Fourth of July Color Guard Picnic open to the public; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 318 provides outreach to the young by hosting Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essays for school scholarships; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim November 8, 2019 as

IRA L. CATER VFW POST 318 AND AUXILIARY CENTENNIAL DAY

in Olympia, Washington and I urge all people of this city to join me in thanking them for their service to our community.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***