

PROCLAMATION

American Legion Month March 2009

WHEREAS, The American Legion was organized March 15-17, 1919; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, The American Legion and its nearly three million members have continually exhibited a deep sense of pride in community and ensured a strong America by serving veterans, their families and the children of our nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was responsible for the creation of the original GI Bill, enabling millions of veterans to obtain assistance in education and home loans; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was instrumental in the passage of legislation creating the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion continues to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the American flag from desecration; securing mandatory funding for adequate operation of the Veterans Affairs Medical facilities; and operates a Family Support Network for families of active duty military personnel and members to the National Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the more than 25,000 Legionnaires belonging to the some 120 Posts across Oregon, along with the 10,0000 members of the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary statewide, collectively volunteer thousands of hours to assist our veterans and their communities.

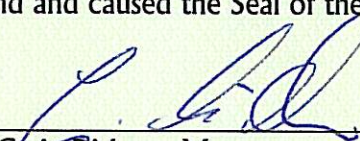
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Craig Dirksen, Mayor of Tigard, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim:

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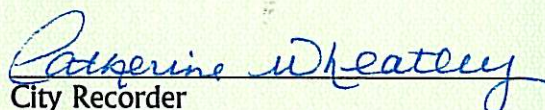
Throughout the City of Tigard and encourage citizens to celebrate the many contributions made by the members of The American Legion, Department of Oregon over the past 90 years.

Dated this 24th day of March 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tigard to be affixed.


Craig Dirksen, Mayor
City of Tigard

Attest:


Catherine Wheatley
City Recorder

