

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars traces its roots back to 1899 when Veterans of the Spanish American War and the Philippine Insurrection founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to foster camaraderie among United States Veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our Veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all Veterans; and

WHEREAS, in 1914, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary was established to assist comrades and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and to foster true patriotism by working with youth in their community; and

WHEREAS, the combined membership of the two organizations is now nearly 1.7 million members with 6,685 VFW Posts worldwide; and

WHEREAS, over \$5.5 million of financial assistance was awarded to military families since 2004 to cover basic needs in times of crisis and over 2 million service members and their families were hosted at VFW Military Assistance Programs; and

WHEREAS, annually, the members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in “Make A Difference Day” and “National Volunteer Week”; and

WHEREAS, the VFW & VFW Auxiliary sponsor youth and adult scholarships providing over \$3 million in college scholarships and savings bonds to students every year in their Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen, Young American Patriotic Art & Continuing Education Scholarships assisting and inspiring patriotism in our young people;

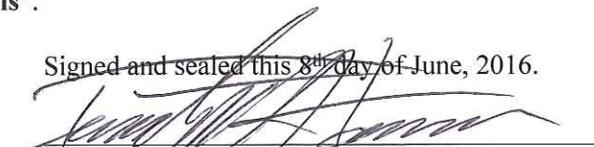
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim June 8, 2016 as

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DAY

in Appleton as members throughout the Veterans of Foreign Wars & Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, meet June 8-11, 2016 at the Radisson Paper Valley for their Annual Convention under the leadership of Appleton residents Michael and Judy Borg as State Commander and State President with a joint theme of “**Flying High for Veterans**”.



Signed and sealed this 8th day of June, 2016.


TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON

