



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
Honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the American Legion**

**WHEREAS**, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization, focusing on service to veterans, service members and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Today, membership stands at more than 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, local American Legion programs strengthen the nation one community at a time. American Legion Baseball and the Operation Comfort Warriors program are great examples. The Legion also raises millions of dollars to help veterans and their families during times of need; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 2,000 registered members within Wake County and 13 active American Legion posts; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 50,000 veterans within the County limits and even more who reside outside the limits but work and attend school inside Wake County's jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners celebrates and honors the American Legion on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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Jessica N. Holmes, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners