

# AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL DAY

**WHEREAS,** the American Legion was founded on March 15, 1919 in Paris, France by members of the American Expeditionary Forces and was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919 as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth; and

**WHEREAS,** over the years, the American Legion has become a preeminent community-service organization which now numbers more than 2 million members – men and women – in over 13,000 American Legion posts worldwide working a variety of programs that support the four pillars and benefit our nations' veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of the American Legion are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Legion has played a leading role in initiatives and breakthroughs that have affected the lives of Americans in every community, from the U.S. Flag Code to the GI Bill; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Legion is celebrating its centennial in 2019;

Now, therefore, I, Don Keil, Mayor of the City of Seguin, hereby **proclaim March 16, 2019**, as  
**"American Legion Centennial Day."**

**Presented this 14th day of March 2019.**



**It's real.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Keil".  
Don Keil, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Naomi Manski".  
Naomi Manski, City Secretary

