

Proclamation
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 125th Anniversary
September 29, 2024

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) was founded in 1899 by a small group of veterans whom returned from campaigns on Cuba and in the Philippines, banded together to create a veterans organization that would advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, the VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces; and

WHEREAS, the VFW's mission 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, since its inception the VFW has been instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Administration, the national cemetery system, and the creation of every national veterans' memorial; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has played a vital role in virtually every significant piece of veterans' legislation passed in the 20th and 21st centuries to include the Honoring Our PACT Act, the most significant expansions of veterans' benefits in history; and

WHEREAS, the VFW's 125th anniversary is being observed on September 29, 2024, this date shall officially be known as VFW Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Leah Juarez, Mayor of Mills, do hereby proclaim September 29 as VFW Day in honor of the VFW's invaluable contributions to the veteran community in Mills and around the world. We hereby stand with the VFW to ensure veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
Hereunto set my hand and the official seal
of the Mills, this 23rd day
of September, 2024.

The Honorable Mayor, Leah Juarez
Mills, Wyoming