## Richland Center Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin American Legion was chartered May 12<sup>th</sup> 1919, Richland Center's post 13 was chartered on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1919, followed by the U.S. Congress federal charter on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 2.5 million members — men and women — in over 14,000 American Legion posts worldwide working a variety of programs that support the four pillars and benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Richland Center American Legion Post 13 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 2023 observance of American Legion Day provides an opportunity to recognize Legionnaires in our community for their many contributions to our community Richland Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Todd Coppernoll, Mayor of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim July 21<sup>st</sup> as THE AMERICAN LEGION DAY IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

Todd E. Coppernoll, Mayor