

**Proclamation  
American Legion Month**

**March 2009**

**Whereas, The American Legion was organized March 15-17, 1919 and**

**Whereas, since its founding The American Legion and its nearly three million members have continually exhibited a deep sense of pride in community and ensured a strong America by serving veterans, their families and the children of our nation, and**

**Whereas, The American Legion was responsible for the creation of the original GI Bill, enabling millions of veterans to obtain assistance in education and home loans, and**

**Whereas, The American Legion was instrumental in the passage of legislation creating the Department of Veterans Affairs, and**

**Whereas, The American Legion continues to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the American flag from desecration; securing mandatory funding for adequate operation of the Veterans Affairs Medical facilities; and operates a Family Support Network for families of active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserves, and**

**Whereas, the more than 25,000 Legionnaires belonging to the some 120 Posts across Oregon, along with the 10,000 members of the Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary state-wide, collectively volunteer thousands of hours to assist our veterans and their communities;**

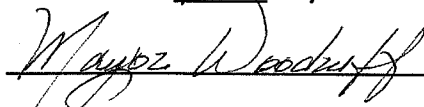
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Pine City Council hereby proclaims,

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throughout the City of La Pine and encourages citizens to celebrate the many contributions made by members of The American Legion, Department of Oregon over the past 90 years.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, by the City Council of La Pine.

  
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**Mayor Woodruff**

Attest:

  
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**City Recorder Luana Damerval**