

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is conducting its 99th year of volunteer service to America; and

WHEREAS, year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports the troops currently deployed overseas; and

WHEREAS, the 500,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of this country's most treasured symbol of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, members volunteer nearly two million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 National President, Leanne Lemley, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, "Serving from the Heart for Our Veterans"; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim that August 20, 2012 be declared

"SERVING FROM THE HEART FOR OUR VETERANS" DAY

in honor of National President Leanne Lemley and all members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for their outstanding volunteer service to veterans and their families, the city of Burlington, Vermont, and our great country.


Miro Weinberger, Mayor

