

***PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING  
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 86  
100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY***

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the first world war soldiers returned to Cornelius and could be seen gathering in groups around the town to talk with each other about their war experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Legion Post 86 was established in 1922 with Dr. J.W. McConnell as the first commander; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1925 the Legion was instrumental in organizing a volunteer fire department; and

**WHEREAS**, the famous Legion Baseball Team of North Mecklenburg was started by Post 86 in 1932; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the programs Post 86 does in our community include: semi-annual dinners for Veterans at the VA Hospital in Salisbury; the Blue Star Banners program; military/honor guard funerals; and annual programming for Memorial Day celebrations and Veterans Day ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS**, Post 86 has grown from a fifteen (15) member Post to one with more than a hundred twenty-five (125) members whose plan is to be active in the North Mecklenburg area for many years to come and serve not only veterans but the North Mecklenburg community.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cornelius is honored to be the home of American Legion Post 86.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, I, Mayor Woody Washam, Jr. and the Cornelius Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

***American Legion Post 86 Day***

and extend our congratulations on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as continued success for many years to come.

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Woody Washam, Jr., Mayor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Cornelius to be affixed this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.