

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1950 the United States answered the call to defend freedom abroad by joining the Republic of Korea in its fight against the communist regime in North Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, In a call to defend freedom and democracy abroad, 1.8 million Americans joined the fight to protect our Korean Peninsula allies from the communist regimes in North Korea and The People's Republic of China; and

**WHEREAS**, We acknowledge the relentless courage, resilience, and perseverance of the American service members who endured through searing summer heat, bitter winter cold, and torrential rains in battles fought in Inchon, the Chosin Reservoir, Heartbreak Ridge, and the Pusan Perimeter; and

**WHEREAS**, We honor and the more than 36,000 American lives lost during the war, along with more than 7,000 Korean Augmentation to the United States military who were killed in action; and

**WHEREAS**, During this time-period, the United States Armed Forces was implementing Executive Order 9981, signed by President Harry S. Truman on July 26, 1948, to abolish discrimination "on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin" which led to the reintegration of the services during the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, On July 27, 1953, after three years of brutal combat, and armistice was signed by the United States, The People's Republic of China, and North Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, We owe an inexpressible debt to our current and past service Korean War Era Veterans who have selflessly served so that we may live free. Their unquestioned loyalty and valor will undoubtedly inspire future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, Texas, I do hereby proclaim July 27, 2023, as

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY

in the City of Fredericksburg and on behalf of the City Council and citizens, I offer sincere congratulations and best wishes to all Korea War Era Veterans.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I do hereby set my hand and cause the great seal of the City of Fredericksburg, State of Texas to be affixed this 27th day of July, 2023.

Jeryl Hoover Mayor