## Office of the Mayor

**CITY OF MANITOWOC** 

## Commendation

- WHEREAS, Franny Orth served in the Army during the Korean War with the 523<sup>rd</sup> Engineers (Pipeline) where his unit built four pipelines up to twenty-three miles long that carried jet fuel from the coast to inland Air Force bases, and the fuel went into ten thousand tanks to be used by Air Force fighters; and
- WHEREAS, during the winter of 1950, his unit was ordered to dig out the First Marine Division from very heavy snowfall with temperatures reaching thirty-five degrees below zero near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, which that took three long days, and after that moved to South Korea where they were evacuated by ship; and
- WHEREAS, the Marines, along with the UN forces, had come under heavy attack by overwhelming Chinese forces trying to eliminate them; and
- WHEREAS, the Marine fighting retreat to the coast where they were rescued is a revered story in the history of the Corp; and
- WHEREAS, after returning from the war, Franny became a motorcycle patrolman with the Manitowoc City Police Force where he faithfully served the community for thirty-four years and retired on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1987; and
- WHEREAS, Franny Orth has been in the Manitowoc Otto Oas VFW Post 659 since 1974, serving three terms as Post Commander.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, present this commendation in special commemoration and grateful recognition of Franny Orth, 89, who will celebrate his forty-seventh anniversary as a member of the Otto Oas Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 659 in the City of Manitowoc.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, Twenty Twenty-One.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor