

P R O C L A M A T I O N
RECOGNIZING THE 130TH ANIVERSARY OF
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHEREAS, originally named Suomalainen Evankelin Lutherilainen Seurakunta (Finnish Evangelist Lutheran Church), organized with 15 founding members on February 17, 1889, Trinity Lutheran Church has been a part of the Fort Bragg community for 130 years; and,

WHEREAS, the builder of the church was John Berquist, and under his leadership construction began in September, 1889; and

WHEREAS, in early 1890, the first services were conducted and by the summer of 1890, construction was completed; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Trinity Lutheran Church of Fort Bragg has made noteworthy contributions to the community in a variety of spiritual and service-related areas; and,

WHEREAS, services were conducted in the Finnish language until the early 1940's, the pipe organ was installed in 1942, the social hall was constructed in 1956 and the church adopted the name of Trinity Lutheran Church in 1957; and,

WHEREAS, the education building was constructed in 1972, but a major fire damaged all the buildings in June 1972 and yet all repairs were completed in October 1973; and,

WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church uses all these buildings not only for their benefit, but for the benefit of the community, in civic gatherings and hosting events to help others; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church continues its work to feed and house the hungry and homeless, to provide help to children by holding clothing swaps and sponsoring a summer Vacation Bible School; and,

WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church is a vital force in Fort Bragg today and continues to move forward into the future, in faith and hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William V. Lee, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby commend the founding fathers and faithful members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Fort Bragg who, throughout the years have been an example of commitment and dedication for the community.

FURTHERMORE the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg congratulates and thanks the church for its faithful service to the community on the occasion of its 130th Anniversary.

SIGNED this 11th day of February, 2019.

William V. Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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