

**RESOLUTION 19-82**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY; COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF SAMUEL LOMBARDO BY DECLARING THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY AS “SAMUEL LOMBARDO DAY” IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Lt. Colonel Samuel Lombardo (Retired) was born on the 12th day of July 1919 in Samo Di Calabria, Italy and after living in his native land for ten years, he immigrated to Pennsylvania with his family; and

**WHEREAS**, he enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard’s 28th Infantry Division a month after the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in what would come to be known as the Second World War; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lt. Colonel Lombardo graduated from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning in July 1942, and was deployed to Europe as a platoon leader of infantrymen; and

**WHEREAS**, he was named the executive officer of I Company, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Division, and was involved in the “Battle of the Bulge”; and

**WHEREAS**, his patriotism and love of country was displayed in both his leadership and in the American Flag he made to carry into battle when told by the Army Supply Corps that there were no flags available to be distributed; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Flag he created is now proudly displayed in the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning; and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. Colonel Lombardo continued to serve his country during its post-World War II occupation of Japan, served in Korea during Korean conflict and the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, in the service of his county, Lt. Colonel Lombardo earned the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with “V” for valor as well as an oak leaf cluster for meritorious achievement, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, United Nations Medal, Vietnam Expeditionary Forces Medal, French Legion of Honor, the Belgian Fourragere and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

**WHEREAS**, Okaloosa County wishes to recognize this member of the Greatest Generation on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, do hereby proclaim the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July,

**“SAMUEL LOMBARDO DAY”**

in Okaloosa County, Florida, in commemoration of his 100th birthday and in honor and recognition of his service to our Country. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

**OKALOOSA COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Charles K. Windes, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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J.D. Peacock II,  
Clerk of the Court