



City of Goldsboro

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135th US COLORED TROOP (USCT) 155th BIRTHDAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The 135th USCT was formed in Goldsboro, North Carolina, on March 27, 1865 from men who previously served in the Pioneer Corps, and were part of General William T. Sherman's Army; and

WHEREAS, Prior to their taking the oath of service in Goldsboro, they had been recruited into the Pioneer Corps during Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolina's; and

WHEREAS, The Pioneer Corps worked tirelessly through the winter of 1864 and spring of 1865 to move General Sherman's Army, corduroyed roads, to get them through the swamps and building bridges, to cross the rivers of Georgia and South and North Carolina. They had to work day and night to make sure that the over 2,500 wagons and the 60,000-man Army of General Sherman were able to rapidly advance in an effort to help bring the Civil War to an end; and

WHEREAS, Enlisted at Goldsboro, the men of the 135th USCT were commanded by Colonel John E. Gurley, and were given their United States Army Blue Uniforms, with the famous brass buttons with the freedom eagle on the face; and

WHEREAS, Upon leaving Goldsboro, the 135th USCT marched as part of General Sherman's Army, to Raleigh, NC and then up to Virginia; and


WHEREAS, One of their proudest moments was when the men of 135th United States Colored Troop, marched with General William T. Sherman's Army, in the Grand Review at Washington DC, on May 24, 1865; and

WHEREAS, Following a brief time in Washington, DC, and performing Guard Duty at Fort Kearney, in the defense of the capital, the 135th USCT were transported by train and then by boat to Louisville, Kentucky. While at Louisville, they performed more guard duty until they were mustered out of service on October 23, 1865.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Allen, Mayor of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, do hereby recognize March 27, 2020 as the 135th USCT's 155th Birthday and encourage all citizens to recognize the efforts of these brave men that fought for our country.

WITNESS MY HAND and the corporate seal of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, this 16th day of March 2020.





Chuck Allen, Mayor