Office of the Mayor

Oro Valley, Arizona

Proclamation

THE ORO VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WOMEN VETERANS WEEK

WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 on September 16th as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary also founded in 1919, is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. With a membership at nearly 850,000, local American Legion Auxiliary units have a strong presence in more than 9,500 communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the history of women in the armed forces began 237 years ago with women who served during the American Revolution and continues through the present day; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 observance of Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor women Veterans who serve, or have served, in our nation's defense.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor of Oro Valley, hereby proclaim the week of March 4, 2012, as "**The Oro Valley American Legion Auxiliary Women Veterans Week**" and, in conjunction with the observance of this day, everyone is urged to support the Oro Valley American Legion Auxiliary Unit and their March film festival which will honor women veterans.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2012

ATTEST:

Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor

Julie K. Bower, Town Clerk