

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize November 11, 2021, as Veterans Day in the District of Columbia and to honor the service and sacrifice of the many veterans who have safeguarded our city and our country.

WHEREAS, the District is home to approximately 30,000 veterans;

WHEREAS, District residents have served in conflicts around the world, including in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan;

WHEREAS, veterans have often faced challenges in transitioning to civilian life, including a lack of adequate support from their community and recognition for their service;

WHEREAS, veterans of color have, in particular, faced discrimination despite their sacrifice for their country;

WHEREAS, District veterans continue to serve the community, including through the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other organizations dedicated to service;

WHEREAS, the District is home to notable veteran organizations, like the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA Medical Center, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home;

WHEREAS, District veterans are also served by the Office of Veterans Affairs and the Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs for the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was initially celebrated in the United States on November 11, 1919 to recognize the end of World War I;

WHEREAS, Congress made Armistice Day a legal holiday on May 13, 1938, as a day dedicated to the cause of world peace;

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day on June 1, 1954, in honor of all people who have served in the United States Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, all District residents and all Americans owe our veterans an undying debt of gratitude; and

WHEREAS, the Council joins the community in honoring our veterans this Veterans Day.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Veterans Day Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes November 11, 2021, as Veterans Day in the District of Columbia and honors the extraordinary contributions and service of veterans in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.