

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2025, AS VETERANS DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Veterans Day in the United States traces its origins to the end of World War I, when fighting ceased on November 11, 1918, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Initially called Armistice Day, it was a day of remembrance for the end of the "Great War" and the sacrifices of those who served. In 1954, after the Korean and World Wars, Congress changed the holiday's name to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans, both living and deceased. The day is distinct from Memorial Day, which is dedicated solely to those who have died in service, as Veterans Day celebrates the contributions of all service members.

Los Angeles County (County) is home to an estimated 250,000 veterans accounting for 13% of all veterans living in the State of California. The County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is tasked with the responsibility of advocating on behalf of our County's veterans and their families and promoting awareness of their contributions. Through this Department and the Department of Mental Health, here in LA County, we have the Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN). This program harnesses the strength of our veteran community by engaging veteran peers to aid their fellow military community members in navigating access to benefits assistance, legal services, housing, mental health and addiction treatment, education, training, employment, recreation, and more.

This past year, the County has also strengthened its commitment to Justice Involved Veterans and engaged a Lived Experience Advisory Committee to hear directly from those affected veterans about their needs and how best to serve those who have so admirably served us.

As part of our ongoing efforts to bring awareness and recognize the contributions of our veterans, the County has participated and continues to participate in the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers' (NACVSO), Operation Green Light, which shows support for veterans by lighting our civic building and spaces between November 4 and 11, 2025.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Recognize November 11, 2025, as Veterans Day in Los Angeles County and express immense gratitude and support for our nation's veterans and current service members;
2. Encourage all County residents to participate in special services, programs, and ceremonies in honor of our veterans;
3. Participate in the National Association of Counties' Operation Green Light public awareness campaign from November 4 through November 11, 2025; and
 - a. Illuminate by green light the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall, the Gloria Molina Grand Park fountain, and all other County facilities with the capability to do the same during these dates; and
 - b. Encourage our cities, businesses, communities, partners, and the military and veteran community in Los Angeles County to join the County by participating in Operation Green Light.

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