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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS LINDSEY P. HORVATH AND KATHRYN BARGER

Recognizing November 11, 2024, 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 232,000 veterans accounting for 15.5% 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. Here in the 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

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Veterans and engaged a Lived Experience Advisory Committee to hear directly from 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 civic buildings and spaces green between November 4 and 11, 2024.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors

- 1) Recognize November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day in Los Angeles County and express immense gratitude and support to our nation's veterans and current service members;
- 2) Approve the attached proclamation recognizing November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day and honoring our veterans;
- 3) Encourage all County residents to participate in special services, programs, and ceremonies in honor of our veterans; and
- 4) Participate in the National Association of Counties' Operation Green Light public awareness campaign from November 4 through November 11, 2024, including:
 - 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 LA County 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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**VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION
2024**

WHEREAS, With genuine respect, solemn pride, and sincere appreciation an indebted and grateful Nation pauses each year on November 11th to remember and honor the sacrifices of all those who have worn the uniform in the defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, initially observed as Armistice Day, was declared to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the truce at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 ending World War I and to honor the soldiers who fought; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that on this 106th Anniversary of “Armistice Day” we pay homage to our courageous veterans; those lost in service and those currently in conflict; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim November 11, 2024, as Veteran’s Day throughout the County and urges its citizens to participate in special services, programs, and ceremonies in honor of our veterans.