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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING VETERANS DAY AND HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

- WHEREAS:** Veterans Day is celebrated every year on November 11th in remembrance of the end of World War I, as well as to honor all those who served in the U.S. military; *and*
- WHEREAS:** November 11th, 1918 was when an armistice went into effect between the Allied nations and Germany, temporarily ceasing hostilities until the Treaty of Versailles was signed in June of 1919, and thus many regard November 11th, 1918 as the end of World War I; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson later proclaimed November 11th as the day to commemorate Armistice Day to remember the lives lost in the war as well as the heroism of those who served; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In May of 1938, November 11th of every year is made a legal holiday, which would be dedicated to the cause of peace and honoring veterans who served in World War I, yet as the United States took part in World War II and the Korean War, November 11th became a day to honor veterans who served in all wars, and Armistice Day became Veterans Day; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Bill was passed to ensure that some federal holidays, including Veterans Day, would be celebrated on Monday, but in 1975, President Gerald Ford signed into law that Veterans Day will be on November 11th of every year after many still prefer to commemorate Veterans Day on November 11th; *and*
- WHEREAS:** We must recommit ourselves in supporting our veterans and military families. It is never acceptable to cut services or programs for our veterans and military families at the city, state, or federal level; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is also important that we recognize the service and sacrifice of our women veterans, and ensure that there is gender-specific care offered at VA hospitals, and access to counseling to women who suffered service-related sexual trauma as well as those who are at risk of becoming homeless; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Together we recognize all veterans, including our LGBTQ+ veterans, veterans of color, and veterans with disabilities, who have also made great sacrifices in order to serve our nation, and deserve our continual recognition and support; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council honors those who served in the military for our country on Veterans Day, and continues to support our veterans and military families in Boston.

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