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**A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

24-270

**IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

November 1, 2022

To observe November 11, 2022, as Veterans Day in the District of Columbia and to honor the many veterans who have bravely served in the United States Armed Forces to protect our city and our country.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 19 million veterans in the United States today;

WHEREAS, the District is home to approximately 30,000 veterans and over 4,000 of them are women;

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 and justice;

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

WHEREAS, serving in the United States Armed Forces is a courageous and selfless act, but the transition to civilian life challenging for service members;

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

WHEREAS, families of service members are also affected by military service and the stresses before, during, and after deployment;

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

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WHEREAS, the District is also home to notable veteran organizations, like the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Armed Forces Retirement Home, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that the theme for Veterans Day this year is “Honor”;

WHEREAS, honor reflects the military value and tradition of answering the call to duty in defending our nation; 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 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes November 11, 2022, 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.