

Salt Lake County

A Proclamation of the Salt Lake County Council Commemorating Veterans Day and Honoring Veterans of the United States Armed Forces

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, has been commemorated in the United States since 1919, and has been formally established as a federal holiday since 1954; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is also an official holiday of the State of Utah and Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day originally commemorated the end of major hostilities at the conclusion of World War I, signaling a cease fire on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of law, Veterans Day is observed on November 11th of each year, including by Salt Lake County government; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, its municipalities, and its residents commemorated Veterans Day throughout the past preceding weekend and on yesterday, November 11, 2024, with solemn events and remembrances intended to honor our county's veterans, living and dead, as well as our active duty service members; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 42,000 Salt Lake County residents are veterans or active service members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County's veterans are celebrated for their courage, resilience, and valor in defending our great nation, its Constitution and republican form of government, and the safety and security of the American people; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County's veterans are further celebrated for their contributions to civilian life, which enriches and improves our governments, industries, universities and nonprofits, and churches and civic organizations through their continued service and proud example; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County honors the sacrifices of our veterans, and recognizes our disabled veterans, including those living with physical and mental health conditions attributable to their service; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower noted when signing the bill establishing Veterans Day as a federal holiday, "On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain";

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned do hereby resolve that the records of the County Council show that the County Mayor and County Council do hereby commemorate yesterday, November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day in Salt Lake County, and do solemnly pledge our unyielding gratitude to the brave women and men of the United States Armed Forces who have supported and defended the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that have borne true faith and allegiance to the same.

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