

Whereas, America has long stood as a beacon of hope and opportunity, and few embody that spirit here at home and beyond our borders more than the members of our Armed Forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard are part of an unbroken chain of brave patriots who have served our country with honor and made tremendous sacrifices so that we may live free; and

Whereas, on Veterans Day, we salute the women and men who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America and the families who have served alongside them, and we affirm our sacred duty as citizens to express our enduring gratitude, both in words and in actions, for their service; and

Whereas, we also recognize that some of these courageous men and women have faced and overcome profound challenges, both physically and emotionally, in defense of our freedom. We must continue to provide high-quality health care to our veterans and make sure they have the support they have earned and deserve; and

Whereas, with respect for, and in recognition of, the contributions our service members have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the United States Congress has directed that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor our Nation's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2025, as Veterans Day, and encourage all people of Rockville to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate ceremonies and observances, and by pausing for 2 minutes of silence for our Nation's veterans.

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