

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9-15, 2020  
AS VETERANS WEEK

WHEREAS, Veterans Day honors military personnel who served the United States (U.S.) in war; and their contributions and sacrifices in maintaining the freedoms and way of life we enjoy in this country;

WHEREAS, in 1938, Congress designated November 11<sup>th</sup> as a legal holiday, originally referred to as Armistice Day, to commemorate the signing of the armistice, which ended World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918;

WHEREAS, in 1954, Congress changed the word “Armistice” to “Veterans,” expanding the federal holiday to recognize those who served in World War II, the Korean War, and subsequent conflicts;

WHEREAS, according to 2018 U.S. Census data, there were 718,481 United States (U.S.) veterans in North Carolina; 30,628 U.S. veterans in Guilford County; and 14,586 U.S. veterans in the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, nationwide observances include an official holiday, parades, art exhibits, historical recognitions, public gatherings and fellowship to show appreciation; and the American flag is flown at half-mast;

WHEREAS, the intent of Veterans Week is to expand the commemoration of the observance, heighten awareness of the importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in all Armed Forces, both U.S. and our allies, with or without the declaration of war; and to understand the history of military action;

WHEREAS, designating Veterans Week will emphasize the need to develop educational programming regarding the contributions of veterans; understand the sacrifices made in service to country; and address physical, mental and emotional stressors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

The City of Greensboro resolves that the week of November 9-15, 2020 is hereby recognized as Veterans Week in the City of Greensboro to honor military personnel and to encourage citizens to celebrate their lives, contributions and sacrifices in service to the United States of America.