

Proclamation

Whereas, on the 11th of November 1918, a temporary peace, or armistice, was signed and the fighting during World War I came to an end; and

Whereas, one year later President Woodrow Wilson announced that November 11th would be called Armistice Day in the United States; and

Whereas, in 1938 Armistice Day became a national federal holiday, a day dedicated to world peace and held in honor of the veterans of World War I; and

Whereas, in 1954 Congress changed the day to Veteran's Day to honor the veterans of all wars including World War II and the Korean War; and

Whereas, our nation's service members—past and present—represent the very best of America and serve at home and abroad with professionalism, integrity, and devotion; and

Whereas, as of 2010 there were approximately 21.8 million veterans in the United States, approximately 9 million veterans are over the age of 65 and approximately 1.6 million veterans are women; and

Whereas, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Frank R. Vaise Post 1263, Renton, Washington, and its Auxiliary have been an active member of the Renton community for over 80 years; and

Whereas, this holiday is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to sacrifice for the common good; and

Whereas, VFW Post 1263, Renton, Washington and its Auxiliary believe every day is Veteran's Day;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim November 2020 to be

Veterans Month

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to acknowledge and honor the service, sacrifices, and contributions of veterans and what they do every day to support our country.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 9th day of November, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington

