

**MOTION:** Baldwin

**October 12, 2023  
Regular Meeting  
HRC RES 23-09**

**SECOND:** Laos

**RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE 11<sup>th</sup> OF  
NOVEMBER OF 2023 AS VETERANS DAY**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS,** service members and veterans have made great sacrifices to guarantee the freedoms and liberties that all Americans enjoy; and

**WHEREAS,** service members and veterans themselves are also guaranteed rights, such as the right to be free from discrimination in civilian employment or any another protected basis because of your military status, veteran status; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 26, 1948, President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981, abolishing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin in the United States Armed Forces, thus desegregating the U.S. military; and

**WHEREAS,** President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11, 1919, as the first observance of Armistice Day, on the one-year anniversary of the end of hostilities in World War I and in 1938, whereof Congress passed a law to establish November 11 annually as Armistice Day to honor World War I veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** following heroic actions from servicemembers in World War II and the Korean War, Congress passed Public Law 380 in 1954, to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day which honors all veterans who have served in the United States Military; and

**WHEREAS,** On September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed legislation returning the official date for celebrating Veterans Day to November 11, which had originally been observed on the fourth Monday in October; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of Veterans Day allows Americans to celebrate and honor those who have served the United States of America in uniform and particularly living veterans who served their country honorably; and

**WHEREAS,** on this day we should remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so bravely, on the ground, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and we should put ourselves to the task of promoting enduring peace so that the efforts of men and women who fought for the freedom of the United States shall not have been in vain;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognizes and celebrates Veterans Day in honor of all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We express our gratitude to those who have sacrificed their time and risked their lives to protect our freedoms and our country.

**Votes**

**Ayes:** Porter, Johnston, Laos, Young, BruMar, Pratter, Baldwin, Ginoba

**Nays:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent from the meeting:** Muz

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



Executive Director