

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-096**

Recognizing the Observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2020, in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. In 1954, Congress formally created Veterans Day to pay tribute to all American Veterans and current service members, renaming Armistice Day which had been celebrated as a legal federal holiday since 1938.
- B. Many people throughout our country's history have served as members of the Armed Forces, Active, Reserve and National Guard, including women, people of color, immigrants, people who identify with all sexual orientations and gender identities, people with disabilities, and other brave individuals. The diversity of veterans is a tremendous strength that makes our Armed Forces stronger and more vibrant.
- C. Veterans Day is a time for Americans to honor every service member who has ever worn one of our Nation's uniforms. Throughout our history, Americans have answered the call to duty and served our country with honor and dignity.
- D. In Multnomah County we continue to work toward greater inclusivity and equity in how we support people who have served our country. We are seeking to better understand the needs of these individuals and communities so that we can address the full intersectionality of their lives and meet their needs as they transition back to civilian life.
- E. Multnomah County is home to an estimated 42,635 veterans and current service members. Multnomah County is committed to providing the respect and support that all veterans have earned, including improved access to employment, benefits, housing, and health care.
- F. At Multnomah County, the Multnomah County Veterans Service Office works directly with veterans and their families in an effort to ensure that they receive all State and Federal benefits available to them. The Multnomah County Veteran Employee Resource Group provides support and identifies resources for County employees who are veterans or are married or related to a current or former service member. Multiple other County departments serve veterans through their programs.

G. The Multnomah County Veterans Task Force was convened in 2010 by Commissioner Diane McKeel to assess and identify the services provided to military service members and veterans in Multnomah County. Today, the Task Force provides a collaborative forum for education and advocacy, with the goal of including service members, veterans and their families in decisions about policy and resource allocation.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

In observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2020, on this day all veterans and current members of the Armed Forces, Active, Reserve and National Guard will be remembered and honored.

**ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2020.**



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