

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, Germany signed an armistice agreement with the United States of America and its allies to end World War I;

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message on the first Armistice Day following World War I acknowledging “solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service”;

WHEREAS, in 1938, the United States Congress declared the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday to be dedicated to the cause of world peace celebrated as “Armistice Day” to honor veterans of World War I; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Congress recognized the American Armed Forces that fought bravely in World War II and during the aggression in Korea and honored them by changing “Armistice Day” to “Veterans Day”; and

WHEREAS, the term “Armed Forces” is defined by 38 U.S.C.A. § 101 as “the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the reserve components thereof”; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council recognizes that Veterans Day is a celebration intended to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Council supports events and parades celebrating Veterans Day where the entire community can join together to honor those that have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The Council recognizes to keep the focus only on this goal, a Veterans Day event or parade would not celebrate, feature, or allow uniforms, flags, or symbols of any armed forces other than the Armed Forces of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council hereby expresses its desire for city resources, including fee waivers for special events, to be used only for Veterans Day events and parades that honor only those who have served in the United States of America's Armed Forces.

ADOPTED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk