

Assembly Resolution No. 1615

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COMMEMORATING November 11, 2026, as Veterans Day

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, November 11th, is a day dedicated to honor those who served in the United States military for their service, sacrifice, and contributions to our county; and

WHEREAS, November 11th is an important date in history because in 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War"; and

WHEREAS, Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938; in the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, In November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day to remember all lives lost in the war and the heroism of those who served; and

WHEREAS, On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery; on the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1938, November 11th was made a legal holiday through an act of Congress, and was dedicated to the cause of peace and honoring veterans who served in World War I; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1941, the United States entered into World War II, and in 1950, the Korean War; in 1954, after the return of service personnel from both World War II and the Korean War, President Eisenhower signed a bill rededicating and renaming November 11th from Armistice Day to Veterans Day; November 11th became a day for Americans to honor veterans who served in all wars and commit themselves to the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11th; Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November); in Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11th; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country; and

WHEREAS, New York residents have served in all military conflicts

and wars in which the United States was involved in from the past up until today; this includes but not limited to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, and the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York wishes to honor the men and women who have served in the United States military; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate November 11, 2026, as Veterans Day, and further we encourage all New Yorkers to fly the American Flag on this day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Legion Department of New York; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of New York; the Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of New York; the Disabled American Veterans Department of New York; and the Vietnam Veterans of America New York State Council.