

MOTION: Baldwin

SECOND: BruMar

**October 8, 2026
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 26-14**

**RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE THE
11TH OF NOVEMBER OF 2026 AS VETERANS DAY**

ACTION: Approved

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 other protected basis because of their military status, veteran status, and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1948, President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981, abolishing discrimination based on 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 first anniversary of the end of hostilities in World War I, and in 1938, 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 honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans, to support initiatives that safeguard their well-being, and to reaffirm our enduring commitment to those who have defended our freedom.

Votes

Ayes: Young, Staubly, Baldwin, Porter, BruMar

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from voting: Sparkes, Johnston

Absent from the meeting: Pratter, Ram. Young,

ATTEST: _____
Executive Director