

Proclamation



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SALUTE TO MILITARY VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2013

WHEREAS, today is set aside to pay tribute and remember the District of Columbia and America's sons and daughters who fought to preserve the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, we reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations – to show respect for and recognition of the contributions to peace and freedom to all who have served in our United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is honored to pay tribute to the fallen, the missing, the wounded, the millions who have served and those awaiting their return; and

WHEREAS, Congress approved a bill that made November 11 as an annual, legal holiday known as "Armistice Day" in 1938 and amended the law in 1954 to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans" to become a day to honor veterans of all American wars; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend those individuals who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2013 as “**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SALUTE TO MILITARY VETERANS DAY**” in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in honoring our American heroes.

