

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5137
OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY ON)	
NOVEMBER 11, 2020 IN THE GREATER)	Introduced by Councilor Craig Dirksen
PORTLAND REGION		

WHEREAS, in 1954, Congress formally designated November 11 as Veterans Day to pay tribute to all American Veterans on the day previously observed as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, the people who serve and protect the United States represent the diversity of our Nation and our community, including Americans of all races, nationalities, colors, abilities, and creeds, and this diversity is what makes our Nation and our Armed Forces stronger and more vibrant; and

WHEREAS; there are more than 97,000 Veterans who live in the Greater Portland region and they share with us their strong work ethic, sense of duty, adaptability, and commitment to their community and public service, and that these skills strengthen our community and our workplaces; and

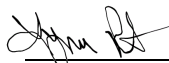
WHEREAS, Metro honors Veteran employees and job applicants through our Veterans preference policy, and currently employs more than 40 Veterans who enrich our organization; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Veterans face profound challenges during their service and at home, and that the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbates many of these challenges by making it more difficult to access health care and connect with loved ones; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to ensure our Veterans have access to quiet respites in natural areas, to a safe transportation system, and to the stable and affordable housing and that they have earned and deserved.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2020, all Veterans and current members of the Armed Forces, Active, Reserve, and National Guard be honored and remembered.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of November 2020.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-5137, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2020 IN THE GREATER PORTLAND REGION

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Department: Council Office
Meeting Date: November 5, 2020

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The Metro Council will re-affirm its annual observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2020 in the Greater Portland region. This resolution honors and remembers Veterans and members of the Armed Services, particularly those who continue to serve the public as employees of Metro.

ACTION REQUESTED

Consideration and vote on Resolution No. 20-5137.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Advancing Metro Council's proclamation that November 11, 2020 be observed as Veterans Day in the Greater Portland region.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the Metro Council adopt Resolution No. 20-5137.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback

No known opposition. Other jurisdictions in the region regularly honor and observe Veterans Day, including Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties and cities around the region.

2. Legal Antecedents

Resolution 19-5049 recognized the observance of Veterans Day.

3. Anticipated Effects

November 11, 2020 will be observed as Veterans Day for all Metro employees, honoring and remembering all Veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

4. Financial Implications (current year and ongoing)

None.

BACKGROUND

On November 11, 1919—the first anniversary of the end of World War I—the United States began to observe Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution to observe the day annually, and in 1938, the day became a national holiday. In 1954, President Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day proclamation, changing the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to recognize all those who served in the Armed Forces.

Veterans and their families are vital members of our community in the greater Portland region. They have demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and community during their service, and many have sacrificed their lives for our continued liberty.

Veterans exemplify the American values of freedom, courage, and selflessness. They have earned and deserve the support of their community upon their return home. Observing November 11, 2020 as Veterans Day in the greater Portland region will honor and remember all those who have served in the Armed Forces.

ATTACHMENTS

None.