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RESOLUTION

Recognizing November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day

November 21, 2023

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is held each year on November 11th with the theme for Veterans Day 2023 being *Service*, recognizing the pride held by Veterans for their service, paying tribute to the sacrifices made by both Veterans and their families, honoring New Jersey's 299,271 Veterans, 26,358 of which are women; and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Veterans cites that service members and their families navigate multiple deployments and geographic moves, trauma-related stressors, and other factors that can make it difficult to prioritize mental health, that we must ensure they know that they are not alone as they face the unique journey of transitioning from the pride of uniformed service to continued meaningful contributions in civilian life; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is to provide trained and ready forces prepared for rapid response to a wide range of civil and military operations, while providing exemplary services to citizens and Veterans of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, recognizing CDC statistics that show suicide rates among veterans are 57.3% greater than among nonveteran adults, the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, with training provided by the New Jersey Hospital Association and the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, is expanding access to peer support through a new Mental Health First Aid program to educate members of faith-based organizations, community organizations and others who interact with veterans, service members and their families on a local level, on how to recognize the signs of distress and then provide a connection to resources and services, including the new suicide prevention line 988; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey proudly supports its Veterans with resources including Vets4Warriors 855-VET-TALK, Vet2Vet 866-VETS-NJ4, National Suicide Prevention Hotline 988, Vet Center Combat Call Center 877-995-5247, and the rereleased Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse / NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Resource Guide for Veterans, military, and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes Veterans Day, November 11, 2023, in gratitude to our brave and dedicated military, Veterans, and their families for their service to our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

November 21, 2023
Date