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RESOLUTION

Recognizing November 11, 2025, as Veterans Day

January 20, 2026

WHEREAS, the Veterans Day 2025 theme is *Service to Our Nation*, thanks veterans for their service, acknowledges their contributions to our national security, underscoring the fact that all those who served – and their families– have sacrificed and done their duty, including New Jersey's 284,578 Veterans, 27,488 of which are women; and

WHEREAS, the winner of the annual Veterans Day poster contest, entitled *Unified by Service*, reflects the 2025 Veterans Day theme "Service to Our Nation" by visually uniting all uniformed services under one flag and one purpose, paying tribute to all Veterans regardless of when or where they served, portraying unity, honor, and a continued commitment to freedom; and

WHEREAS, Veterans experience mental health disorders, substance use disorders, post-traumatic stress, and traumatic brain injury at disproportionate rates compared to their civilian counterparts; and


WHEREAS, the mission of the NJ 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, through participation in the Governor's Challenge program, New Jersey is joining forces with community-based suicide prevention initiatives across the nation to reduce the rate of suicides among Service Members, Veterans and Their Families, with the SaveNJVets website providing tools to prevent suicide through support, connectedness, and action steps to keep individuals and families safe; 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 Substance Use Disorder / 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 Substance Use Disorder hereby recognizes Veterans Day, November 11, 2025, 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, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, County Alcohol and Drug Use Directors, and County Alliance Coordinators.



Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

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Date