

## *Proclamation Recognizing Veterans Day*

*Whereas* the end of World War I is marked by the cessation of hostilities at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a moment that has been referred to as the end of the war to end all wars; and

*Whereas* in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 the first Armistice Day to honor those who fought in World War I. Then, in 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name of this holiday to Veterans Day, saying he did so "in order that a grateful nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation"; and

*Whereas* this day reflects our nation's deep gratitude for veterans of all wars and conflicts, who have upheld the values of freedom, justice, and democracy through their service; and

*Whereas* Veterans Day provides an opportunity to recognize the dedication, resilience, and courage of veterans and reminds us of the importance of ensuring they receive the support and care they deserve; and

*Whereas* many veterans face unique physical and mental health challenges as a result of their service, and it is our duty to support their well-being through accessible resources and understanding; and

*Whereas* our country remains indebted to veterans who have given so much in service to protect and preserve our way of life.

*Now, therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day and encourages all citizens to honor our veterans with respect, gratitude, as well as acknowledge their extraordinary legacy of courage and commitment.

***Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.***

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County Judge

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**ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk