

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, regardless of how one feels about policies that lead to war, let there be no doubt that veterans serve with honor. They serve to make life better for others. They preserve our liberties and freedoms, and

WHEREAS, not all veterans have seen war, but a common bond that they share is an oath in which they expressed their willingness to die defending this nation, and

WHEREAS, perhaps most significant in preserving our way of life are the battles that America does not have to fight because those who wish us harm slink away in fear of the Coast Guard cutter, the Navy aircraft carrier, the Air Force fighter squadron, the Marine Corps fire team or the Army soldier on patrol, and

WHEREAS, those of us gathered here to observe Veterans Day have already indicated our support for the outstanding men and women who have served our country, and

WHEREAS, it is up to us to ensure that every veteran feels that his or her service to this country is appreciated by their fellow Americans, and

WHEREAS, war is never anything to celebrate, but peace is. The peace in between horrific wars is brought to you mainly by our veterans, and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is for ALL who served. While many veterans are humble, there is no such thing as insignificant military service, and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County and The American Legion are dedicated to remembering the legacy of all veterans because what these men and women have done for us matters to America, and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County is proud to partner with American Legion Post 180 to recognize and honor veterans who have served and are still serving our country so that all may pursue life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and

NOW, THEREFORE, Clackamas County, in the State of Oregon, does hereby proclaim November 11, 2020 to be Veterans Day in Clackamas County and encourage all Clackamas County residents to observe same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the consent of the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners, I, _____ hereunto set my hand and seal this ____ day of _____ 2020.