CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Proclamation
Veterans Day
November 11, 2020

DATE: November 2, 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

We observe Veterans Day to celebrate and honor the patriots who have fought to protect the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our country.

The West Des Moines Emerick - Williams VFW Post 8879 has requested that the City of West Des Moines adopt a proclamation to recognize Veterans Day on November 11, 2020.

They have also expressed interest in designating and renaming a public space in the Valley Junction area in recognition of veterans. Staff will be in contact with the group to consider options and seek a recommendation.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of proclamation recognizing Veterans Day, November 11, 2020.

Lead Staff Member: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk RTJ

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	RTJ

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SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

Proclamation

Veterans Day

November 11, 2020

Whereas, the willingness of America's veterans to serve our country has earned them our lasting gratitude; and

Whereas, we observe Veterans Day to celebrate and honor the patriots who have fought to protect the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our country; and

Whereas, when the armistice ending World War I was signed on November 11, 1918, more than 4.7 million Americans put down their arms and turned to the work of strengthening our Nation. The end of that first global conflict was initially commemorated as Armistice Day. In 1954, the congress renamed the day as Veterans Day to recognize all those who have served in our Armed Forces; and

Whereas, throughout our history citizens from every corner of America have assumed the duty of military life; and

Whereas, such service has required sacrifice, hardship, endurance, dedication, bravery, courage and the highest level of patriotism; and

Whereas, the West Des Moines Emerick - Williams VFW Post 8879 and numerous local military organizations have banded together and are active in the service of our Veterans, residents and community; and

Whereas, in respect for and recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made, the Congress has provided that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven K. Gaer, Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby call upon all my fellow citizens to recognize November 11 as

Veterans Day

and urge all citizens of West Des Moines to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans and to remember that freedom is not free, and these are the men and women who paid for the freedom all of us enjoy today.

Signed this 2nd day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk