

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## **Proclamation No. 24-1629 Honoring the Service and Sacrifice of Our Veterans**

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day is a national holiday in the United States that honors the service and sacrifice of veterans of the armed forces, those who have protected our nation's freedoms and defended our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I, and became a legal federal holiday in 1938, marking the date when the guns fell silent, and the war came to an end; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver is home to nearly 30,000 military veterans who have served in various conflicts and peacetime missions; and

**WHEREAS**, Black, Indigenous and other racial minority veterans, including the Tuskegee-trained 99<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron – the first African American flying squadron to see combat – and the Navajo "code talkers" – whose unbreakable code helped the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945 – secured freedom at home and abroad through their selfless valor and their continued service to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication and selflessness of our veterans have played an integral role in safeguarding our peace, ensuring our prosperity, and upholding the values we hold dear, such as liberty, justice, and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of our veterans, both past and present, have left an indelible mark on our nation, inspiring generations with their courage, resilience, and sense of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver City Council is committed to supporting the rights and needs of the veterans in our community.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:**

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council hereby proclaims November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day in Denver, and that all citizens are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and thank our veterans for their service and dedication to our country.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Denver veteran community.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 12, 2024

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PRESIDENT

