

## STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-5049, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2019 IN  
THE GREATER PORTLAND REGION

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### ISSUE STATEMENT

The Metro Council has the opportunity to honor and remember Veterans and members of the Armed Services by adopting Resolution No. 19-5049, recognizing the observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2019 in the Greater Portland region.

### ACTION REQUESTED

Consideration and vote on Resolution No. 19-5049.

### IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Advancing Metro Council's proclamation that November 11, 2019 be observed as Veterans Day in the Greater Portland region.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the Metro Council adopt Resolution No. 19-5049.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

#### 1. Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback

No known opposition. Other jurisdictions in the region, including Multnomah County and the City of Beaverton, have adopted resolutions honoring the observance of Veterans Day.

#### 2. Legal Antecedents

This is the first year that Metro Council has considered adoption of a resolution to observe Veterans Day.

#### 3. Anticipated Effects

November 11, 2019 will be observed as Veterans Day for all Metro employees, honoring and remembering all Veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

#### 4. Financial Implications (current year and ongoing)

None.

**BACKGROUND**

On November 11, 1919—the first anniversary of the end of World War I—the United States began to observe Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution to observe the day annually, and in 1938, the day became a national holiday. In 1954, President Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day proclamation, changing the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to recognize all those who served in the Armed Forces.

Veterans and their families are vital members of our community in the greater Portland region. They have demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and community during their service, and many have sacrificed their lives for our continued liberty.

Veterans exemplify the American values of freedom, courage, and selflessness. They have earned and deserve the support of their community upon their return home. Observing November 11, 2019 as Veterans Day in the greater Portland region will honor and remember all those who have served in the Armed Forces.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.