## BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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

Introduced by Councilor Craig Dirksen

WHEREAS, in 1954, Congress formally designated November 11 as Veterans Day to pay tribute to all American Veterans on the day previously observed as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, the people who serve and protect the United States represent the diversity of our Nation and our community, including Americans of all races, nationalities, colors, abilities, and creeds, and this diversity is what makes our Nation and our Armed Forces stronger and more vibrant; and

WHEREAS; there are more than 100,000 Veterans who live in the Greater Portland region and they share with us their strong work ethic, sense of duty, adaptability, and commitment to their community and public service, and that these skills strengthen our community and our workplaces; and

WHEREAS, Metro honors Veteran employees and job applicants through our Veterans preference policy, and currently employs 70 Veterans who enrich our organization; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Veterans face profound challenges, both during service and at home, and we must work together to ensure our Veterans have access to the stable and affordable housing that they have earned and deserve.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2019, that on this day all Veterans and current members of the Armed Forces, Active, Reserve, and National Guard be honored and remembered.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7th day of November 2019.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney