

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years it has been our custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I; and

WHEREAS, on this date we celebrate Veterans Day to pay tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening years the United States has been involved in other military conflicts, which added millions of veterans living and dead—many from our city—to the honor rolls of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, we are forever indebted to the men and women of the United States Army, Navy, AirForce, Marines and Coast Guard for their service and sacrifice in defense of the freedom of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the work of our local veteran chapters and organizations that faithfully serve and represent our Holland area veterans; and

WHEREAS, as a city we are thankful to the brave men and women of Holland; and

WHEREAS, we thank City of Holland staff members for their faithful service to our nation: Matthew Brouwer, John Weatherwax, Nathan Wiler, and Jose Padron-Hernandez from the Holland Police Department; John Vander Kooy, Jon Lundstrom, Matt Jones, Jacob Johnson, from the Fire Department; Alexis Uyeno, from our Community & Neighborhood Services Department; Joseph Pedersen, from our Transportation Department; Sunny Kun, from our Parks/Recreation/Cemetery Department; and Quincy Byrd, Bylnda Sól, and Scott Corbin who currently serve on the Holland City Council; and

WHEREAS, we pray for hope, renewal, and the well-being of our veterans, in Holland and throughout our great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Nathan Bocks and the Holland City Council do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023,

Veterans' Day

a day to thank veterans across our nation and in our community for the sacrifice of their service. We encourage our community to participate in events honoring our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers. We call upon our community to remember those who have fallen to protect the freedoms that we enjoy today. We pray for the safety of those currently serving. Let us come together to pray for peace in our world on this Veteran's Day.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 1st of November 2023

Mayor Nathan Bocks