

# 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, Coast Guard, and Space Force 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**, we advocate with urgency for greater support to address the many issues faced by our veterans like unemployment, homelessness, disabilities, including mental healthcare: and

**WHEREAS**, we thank City of Holland staff members, City of Holland City Council members, and their families for their faithful service to our nation; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Nathan Bocks and the Holland City Council do hereby proclaim November 11, 2024,

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2024



Mayor Nathan Bocks