

RESOLUTION NO. 120968

Honoring Veterans Day on November 11, 2012.

WHEREAS, in 1918, “The Great War” World War I ended with an armistice between the allies and Germany at the 11th Hour, 11th Day and the 11th Month; and

WHEREAS, President Wilson proclaimed the First Armistice Day in 1919 with a suspension of business for a two minute period beginning at 11:00 a.m., with the day also marked by parades and public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed legislation approving the establishment of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery and November 11th is chosen for the date of the ceremony and Congress declares on November 11, 1921, a Federal holiday honoring all those who participated in the war; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Congress adopted a resolution requesting the President issue a proclamation calling on the display of the flag on all government buildings on November 11th as well as observing the day in schools, churches or other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 1938, Congress passed legislation declaring November 11th as a legal holiday and calling it Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, President Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name Armistice Day to Veterans Day because of World War II and Korean War which created millions of new veterans in addition to those of the Great War; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby honor Veterans Day on November 11, 2012;
and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Colonel Jay D. Haden, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, United States Army Reserve, on behalf of all Veterans of Kansas City, with the urging of the Mayor and Council to all citizens to fly their flags and observe a two minute moment of silence for all the Veterans in our community.
