



Board of County Commissioners

A Proclamation Celebrating Veterans Day 2023

WHEREAS, Boulder County is home to over 14,000 active duty, reservists, and veteran service members who make significant contributions to our community every day; and

WHEREAS, our armed forces members and their families have made selfless sacrifices defending freedom, democracy, and security for our country; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County and our community partners work to support all veterans as they transition to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County, municipalities and organizations work together to end veteran homelessness in our community; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County's Veteran Service Office provides U.S. military veterans and their dependents with access to benefits through local, state, federal, and nonprofit programs earned through military service to improve their economic stability; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County's Veterans Service Officers are accredited officers who provide assistance with advising, educating, and submission of VA disability benefits and their programs. Boulder County's VSOs are honored to serve those who have served our country and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County supports Veterans Stand Down, an event hosted by the Veterans Community Project and American Legion Post 32 on Nov. 16, where veterans can find out about Benefits/PACT Act, housing and employment connections, basic medical services, laundry and clothing, haircuts and showers, legal information, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Veterans' Group – under the leadership of Marty R. Chase Alone and Charles Red Cloud of the Lakota Nation and Larry White of the Northern Arapaho Nation working with Boulder County Parks & Open Space – reestablished the Inipi Ceremony (purification sweat lodge) at Southdown Indian Mountain, providing community gathering and spiritual healing for people suffering from the effects of military combat and other life-altering events; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County has gratitude towards, and honors the commitment and courage of, the many people of Boulder County who are serving, and have served, our country.

Claire Levy *County Commissioner* **Marta Loachamin** *County Commissioner* **Ashley Stolzmann** *County Commissioner*

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County do hereby proclaim Nov. 11, 2023 to be Veterans Day in Boulder County, honoring all those who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

APPROVED on the _____ of November 2023.

Commissioner
Claire Levy

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