



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Clerk

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CITY OF PALO ALTO PROCLAMATION

UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS

WHEREAS, veterans who fought to protect our democracy around the globe are strengthening it here at home and once leaders in the Armed Forces, they are now pioneers of industry, pillars of the community and valued members of our City whose character reflects our enduring American spirit; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the sacrifice of those who have been part of the finest fighting force the world has ever known, including the families who stand beside them; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice and all those who have not yet returned home, and we honor individuals working to ensure the promise of America is within the reach of all who have protected it; and

WHEREAS, homelessness, unemployment and education among our veterans are critical concerns that impact the lives of the men and women who have proudly served our country; to address these issues, the City of Palo Alto, in collaboration with the Palo Alto Veteran's Administration, provides ongoing leadership to combat homelessness and assist with unemployment among veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the transition of our military returning to civilian life by ensuring access to the resources and benefits they have earned; the City is committed to providing the tools they need to find a rewarding career and to share in the opportunity they helped defend; the City recognizes those who have served in our Armed Forces have the experience, skills and dedication needed to achieve success in the civilian workforce, and it is critical that we harness their talent; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the teamwork, sense of duty and reliability of employees who have served in the Armed Forces, especially those in Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department and Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the contributions our veterans and active duty service members have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, Congress has decreed that November 11 shall be a legal public holiday, a day that honors our nation's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Holman, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim appreciation to the veterans and active duty military service members in the United States for their outstanding contributions to the City of Palo Alto and extend sincere best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

Presented: November 9, 2015

Karen Holman
Mayor