



# A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

## In Recognition of Veterans Day 2023

**Whereas:** in 1921, the Unknown Soldier was buried on a Virginia hillside in Arlington National Cemetery overlooking the Potomac River in the city of Washington, DC. The site of this burial in Arlington National Cemetery symbolizes the dignity and reverence of America's veterans; and

**Whereas:** these memorial gestures took place in England and France on November 11<sup>th</sup>, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918; and

**Whereas:** on May 13, 1938, Congress declared that the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November each year will be a legal holiday - a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and a day of celebration to honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, the love of our country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; and

**Whereas:** Veterans Day is a day to thank our veterans for their service to our country and acknowledge their contributions to our national security. We would like to honor those who have served and sacrificed for our country today, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and every day; and

**Whereas:** the City of Smyrna would like to thank and acknowledge our employees who are veterans and an extended appreciation to those who continue to serve in the reserves; Now,

**Therefore:** I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023 as VETERANS DAY in the City of Smyrna and urge all citizens to recognize the sacrifices and dedication of our veterans today and throughout the year.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 6th day of November in the year of Our Lord 2023.*



Mayor

Derek Norton