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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

VETERANS DAY RESOLUTION - 2014

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a United States of America legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on 11 November 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day". In 1954, after having gone through WWII and the Korean War at the urging of Veterans Organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans";

WHEREAS, From the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizen soldiers, sailors, and airmen who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated;

WHEREAS, The County of Cook having the largest veteran population in this state with 224,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches and at 11 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we now enjoy;

WHEREAS, The willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality;

WHEREAS, Even today, members of the military are stationed in many places throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities;

WHEREAS, Families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles;

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military for their service - in wartime or peacetime;

WHEREAS, The commemoration of this day is a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize November 11, 2014 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of
honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans;

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with respect and gratitude, we honor all of our veterans, remembering "all gave some and some gave all" and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.