

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, it has long been our custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and

**Whereas**, in the intervening years the United States has been involved in several other great military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this Nation; and

**Whereas**, the Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 (44 Stat. 1982), calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an act approved May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 351), that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday and should be known as Armistice Day; and


**Whereas**, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day:

**Now, Therefore**, I, Joe Lockwood, Mayor of the City of Milton, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Wednesday, November 11, 2009, as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us consecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

I also direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on Veterans Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Milton to be affixed on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2009.



  
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Joe Lockwood, Mayor