## PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2024, AS VETERANS DAY IN HONOR AND APPRECIATION FOR OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

**WHEREAS**, November 11<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the armistice signed by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, which ended World War I after four years of conflict. President Woodrow Wilson issued the first Armistice Day proclamation in November of 1919, and set the tone for further observances; and

**WHEREAS**, the name changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day by an act of Congress in 1954, when President Eisenhower called on citizens to observe the day in honor of all who had served in America's wars through the years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hercules recognizes the significant and lasting contributions made by our veterans, who have dedicated their lives to the service of our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the United States is rich with the deeds of those Hercules residents who have served in our Armed Forces with honor and distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, today we recognize these courageous men and women who represent the best in our nation and community has to offer and, with their service, these veterans have proven that America's freedoms are worth protecting; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is deeply grateful for the sacrifices made by our veterans and their families, and we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that they receive the care, support, and respect they deserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that I, Dan Romero, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby declare Monday, November 11, 2024 as Veterans Day in the City of Hercules and urge all citizens to rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain and encourage those who will serve our nation in the future.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this  $12^{th}$  day of November.

Dan Romero, Mayor