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Douglas County Commissioners Issue Proclamation for 2020 Veterans Day Parade

(Douglas County, Ore.) The Douglas County Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation at the Weekly Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, calling upon all citizens of Douglas County to join us in supporting our local military heroes by attending the special **“Reverse” 2020 Douglas County Veterans Day Parade** on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, starting at 11:00 am, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

The proclamation was presented by Commissioner Tim Freeman, on behalf of the Board and acknowledged that: *“The freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been purchased and protected at a high price; that courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our nation; and we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, were wounded, or died in battle. The Douglas County Commissioners express their support for the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, and agree to urge all our citizens to honor our veterans and rededicate themselves to the preservation of our liberties under the constitution of the United States of America.”*

The proclamation was presented to Larry Hill, President of the Douglas County Veterans Forum, Carol Hunt, Co-Chair of the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Committee and Jerry Anderson representing the Douglas County Veterans Advisory Committee. Despite COVID-19, the Douglas County Veterans Forum and Veterans Day Parade Committee knew our annual parade honoring our veterans **must go on**, so they put their heads together and came up with the idea of a **“Reverse”** parade format to keep the tradition alive. In a reverse parade, the floats are stationary, while the parade spectators are the ones driving by in vehicles. The parade route was moved to the Douglas County Fairgrounds this year, in order to provide proper distancing for staging of the parade entries. The reverse format takes into account the current social gathering guidelines, as well as the concern for the health and safety of our residents during the pandemic. The **2020 Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshals will feature our Military Doctors & Nurses, while the theme is Embrace the past – Engage the present – Envision the future.** The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade, is one of only two Veterans Day parades in Oregon that was not cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Commissioners are proud to support this cherished annual event, often called Oregon’s Greatest Veteran’s Day Parade and this year possibly the largest. In Douglas County, ‘We Honor Veterans’, and encourage you to take time this Veterans Day to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly served our nation by thanking them and their families for their dedication, service, as well as the many sacrifices made on behalf of our great nation.

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(Proclamation Attached)

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PROCLAMATION

VETERANS DAY PARADE

November 11, 2020

SUPPORTING THE 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE

WHEREAS, the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been purchased and protected at a high price throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the original 13 states, Americans have been willing to fight and die to preserve their individual rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, were wounded, or died in battle; and

WHEREAS, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

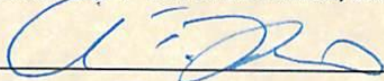
WHEREAS, for many, that sacrifice has ended in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty established as an example for all the oppressed persons of the world; and

WHEREAS, veterans and veteran groups in Douglas County are an economic asset to our community; and

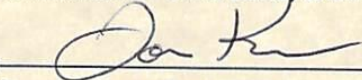
WHEREAS, Douglas County and countless volunteers use the Veterans Day Parade as one method to honor Veterans and this year is honoring Military Nurses and Doctors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the Douglas County Commissioners express their support for the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, and agree to urge all our citizens to honor our veterans and rededicate themselves to the preservation of our liberties under the Constitution of the United States of America.

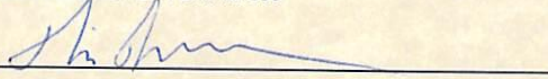
DATED THIS 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020



Commissioner Chris Boice, Chair



Commissioner Tom Kress



Commissioner Tim Freeman

