RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE ARLINGTON COUNTY MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY, NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVE PERSONNEL AND VETERANS

Adopted by the Arlington County Board on November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board and the Arlington community have a deep appreciation for our nation's military personnel and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County observes Veterans Day to honor and thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces, including those who serve or have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force and Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is the home of an estimated 13,000 veterans, Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon, many other military installations and the employer of many veterans, the people of Arlington feel a special connection to our Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is home to 1,700 active duty military members who are honorably committed to service; and

WHEREAS, the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee (MVAC) supports and strengthens the relationship between local Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve and civilian military commands, the local veterans community, Arlington County government, residents and business community, and coordinates County resources in support of the local military community in carrying out their mission; and

WHEREAS, the MVAC works to develop, implement and maintain initiatives and programs that provide the Arlington community with an opportunity to recognize and honor the service to our country provided by our military members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the bravery and sacrifices of military personnel during the end of the United States war in Afghanistan in 2021, and the commitment and loyalty shown by veterans in the ensuing Afghan refugee resettlement efforts, shone a light this year on the values embodied by American servicemembers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Board honors the immeasurable sacrifices of and extends our deepest gratitude to Arlington's Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve personnel and veterans, and to the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.