

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on this Veterans Day, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 2021, Americans will pause to recognize those who have sacrificed and those who will sacrifice in the future in the defense of America's freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery was established 100 years ago, in 1921, as the final resting place for an unknown soldier from World War I; and

WHEREAS, remains from subsequent wars were later added to represent all missing and unknown service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Unknown Soldier of WWI was transported to the United States and lay in state at the Capitol Rotunda after which, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the internment ceremonies of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 1921; and

WHEREAS, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier features a sculpted panel of three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and Valor; six sculpted wreaths representing the six major campaigns of World War I; and an inscription reading: "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God;" and

WHEREAS, the 3rd U.S. Infantry, "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving since 1784; and

WHEREAS, since WWII, The Old Guard has served as the official Army Honor Guard and the escort to the President, and has the honor of maintaining the 24-hour vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery as we honor our Veterans on this Veterans Day;

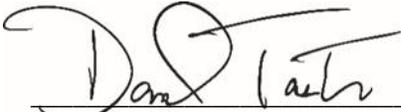
NOW, THEREFORE I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 11, 2021 as

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in the City of Falls Church and ask our citizens to honor our Veterans in Falls Church and the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 8th day of November, 2021.




David Tarter, Mayor