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RESOLUTION
Recognizing November 11, 2017 as Veterans Day

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WHEREAS, Veterans Day, November 11, 2017, is a celebration honoring all America's veterans who have served in times of war, and in times of peace, acknowledging the 355,766 veterans, along with their families living in New Jersey, recognizing military families have a culture and unique behavioral health needs that may not always be understood within the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, through their network of regional Veterans Service Offices, provides the State's veterans and their dependents with information and guidance on benefits and other areas of concern to veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is the most prevalent mental health challenge faced by our nation's veterans, significantly increasing the risk for a Substance Use Disorder (SUD), making it an imperative to encourage veterans and their families to seek effective PTSD treatment, and for them to know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, approximately 50% of returning service members who need treatment for mental health conditions seek it, and only slightly more than half who receive treatment receive adequate care; and

WHEREAS, in the 5 years from 2005 to 2009, more than 1,100 members of the Armed Forces took their own lives, an average of 1 suicide every 36 hours, accounting for more than 18% of all deaths from suicide among US adults; and

WHEREAS, cumulative lengths of deployments continue to be associated with more emotional difficulties, as well as mental health and substance use disorders, among military families; and

WHEREAS, there are proven methods to help veterans recover from alcohol or drug misuse and SUD, including mutual help groups, help lines, and effective treatment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes Veterans Day, November 11, 2017, in gratitude to our brave and dedicated military, veterans, and their families for their service to our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

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Date