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### RESOLUTION

#### Recognizing November 11, 2019 as Veterans Day

September 15, 2020

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day, November 11, 2019, is a celebration honoring all America's Veterans who have served in times of war, and in times of peace, acknowledging the 325,981 Veterans, 25,791 of which are women, 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 demanding environments of military life and experiences of combat, during which many Veterans experience psychological distress, can be further complicated by substance use and related disorders; with many service members facing such critical issues as trauma, suicide, homelessness, and or involvement with the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, November 2019 has been designated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as National Veterans and Military Families Month, when we pause to honor those who served our Nation in uniform, their mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, children, and neighbors, remembering their service being one way of repaying the debt we all owe to our Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2017, Veterans accounted for 13.5% of all deaths by suicide among U.S. adults and constituted 7.9% of the U.S. adult population, and the suicide rate among all veterans decreased slightly but the rate among young veterans increased dramatically, which makes it critical to provide Veterans and their families with effective networks of support, communication, and care across the communities where veterans live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex PTSD remain the most prevalent mental health challenges 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**, New Jersey proudly supports its Veterans with resources including Vets4Warriors 855-VET-TALK, Vet2Vet 866-VETS-NJ4, National Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-273-TALK, Vet Center Combat Call Center 877-995-5247, and the rereleased Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse / NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Resource Guide for Veterans, military, and their families.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes Veterans Day, November 11, 2019, 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 Phil Murphy, 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