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**RESOLUTION**

**Recognizing November 11, 2021 as Veterans Day**

**January 18, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day, November 11, 2021, is a celebration honoring all America's Veterans who have served in times of war, and in times of peace, acknowledging the 328,958 Veterans, 28,074 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 mission of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is to provide trained and ready forces prepared for rapid response to a wide range of civil and military operations, while providing exemplary services to citizens and Veterans of New Jersey; 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, and now the additional challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, with many service members facing such critical issues as trauma, suicide, homelessness, and/or involvement with the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, November 2021 has been designated as National Veterans and Military Families Month, to honor the contribution of veterans and military families, remembering their service to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) and U.S. Department of Veterans affairs have partnered to support the "Governors and Mayors Challenges" for prevention of suicide among service members, veterans, and their families in communities across the nation, through implementation of interagency military/civilian action plans grounded in evidence-based suicide prevention practices; and

**WHEREAS**, SAMHSA Interagency Task Force on Military and Veterans Mental Health is a collaborative effort across the Departments of Defense (DOD), Veterans Affairs (VA), and Health and Human Services (HHS) and works to ensure that service members, veterans, and their families have access to needed mental health and addiction services and support; 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, 2021, 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

January 18, 2022

Date