

Proclamation

- Whereas,* every November, people from across the nation gather to honor and salute veterans who have served our country throughout the years with dedication, patriotism, and courage; and
- Whereas,* following the declaration of Armistice Day as a national holiday in 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized November 11 as Veterans Day in 1954; and
- Whereas,* California is home to over 1.8 million former service members, which is the largest veteran population of any state in the United States who share a deep bond built on service and dedication to the United States; and
- Whereas,* California has a long history of supporting the United States military, a legacy stretching back to before the founding of our nation; and
- Whereas,* Veterans' Appreciation Week is a reminder of the great sacrifices and contributions our veterans have made for our country; and
- Whereas,* California residents and businesses can demonstrate their respect for veterans by participating in Operation Green Light throughout the week. Counties across California, including San Bernardino County and Riverside County, are participating in this nationwide effort to honor veterans. From November 4 to Veterans Day on November 11, government buildings, homes and businesses in these counties will shine green lights to symbolize solidarity and support for veterans and their families. It's a wonderful way for communities to show their appreciation and raise awareness about the challenges veterans face; and
- Whereas,* veterans continue to serve their community through participation in groups, including American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, nonprofit and volunteer groups, communities of faith, civil service, and other careers and much more; and
- Whereas,* approximately 20,000 service members in California transition to civilian communities annually and they deserve our help and support during what can be a challenging time as they return to civilian life; and
- Whereas,* veterans from California and across the United States have repeatedly answered the call of duty throughout our nation's history, defending our cherished freedoms and protecting democracy here at home and abroad.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim November 4th -11th, 2025, as

Veterans Appreciation Week

and I encourage all City of Manhattan Beach residents to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the men and women who have served our country.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Liza Tamura

Mayor David Lesser

