

Proclamation

VETERAN'S DAY 2023

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded will never fail to inspire us; and

WHEREAS, our veterans understand the important task before the American service men and women now keeping watch; and

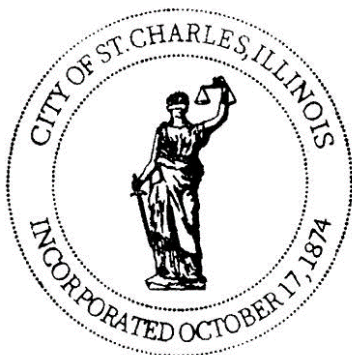
WHEREAS, we memorialize and honor those who did not come home, including those who are still listed as prisoners of war or missing in action from **ANY** conflict; and

WHEREAS, we promise to respect and support all of our veterans, especially our St. Charles veterans and to never forget what they gave of themselves for all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023, as

VETERANS DAY

in the City of St. Charles and encourage all citizens to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.



Lora A. Vitek
Lora A. Vitek, Mayor

