

CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA

Mayoral Veterans Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, at 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918, after four years of bitter conflict, the world rejoiced and celebrated the signing of an Armistice by the Allied Forces and the Federal Republic of Germany for the cessation of World War I; and

WHEREAS, to remember the sacrifices that the men and women made to ensure that lasting peace, on November 11, 1919, Woodrow Wilson the 28th President of the United States proclaimed an Armistice Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1926, the United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution requesting Calvin Coolidge the 30th President of the United States to issue another proclamation to observe November 11 with all the appropriate ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, on May 13 1938, twenty-years after World War I, Congress passed an Act making November 11 in each year a federal holiday, a day to be dedicated and celebrated thereafter as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in order for a grateful Nation to pay homage to veterans of all wars, on June 1, 1954, Dwight Eisenhower the 34th President of the United States, signed into law a bill introduced by U.S. Representative Edwin Rees from Kansas renaming Armistice Day to Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 Richard Nixon the 37th President of the United States, declared Veterans Day to be observed on the second Monday in November; and

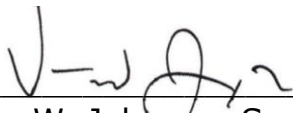
WHEREAS, because the commemoration of Veterans Day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance, on September 20, 1975, Gerald Ford, the 38th President of the United States signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor of the City of Apalachicola, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City Charter, do hereby proclaim and call upon all residents of the City of Apalachicola, to observe a moment of silence at 11:00 AM on November 11, 2008, in remembrance of all the Veterans who fought to safeguard our heritage and freedom, and to celebrate and proudly display the flag of the United States of America throughout the City of Apalachicola on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, Veterans Day.

HEREBY PROCLAIMED, in the year of our Lord this 9th day of November, 2008.

FOR THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA



Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor
City of Apalachicola