



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing November 1, 2019 as
Capital Area Veterans Stand Down Day**

WHEREAS, Ending Homelessness is a national, statewide, Triangle-wide, and local initiative, more than 300 communities across the United States and more than 20 cities and counties across North Carolina, including Raleigh/Wake County, Durham/Durham County, and Chapel Hill/Orange County each adopting and implementing Ten Year Plans to End Homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs estimates that over 40,056 veterans are homeless on any given night across the country; and,

WHEREAS, last year the South Wilmington Street Men's Shelter served more than 200 homeless veterans; and,

WHEREAS, nationally 20% of the male homeless population are veterans; and,

WHEREAS, America's homeless veterans have served in all wars and military conflicts since WWII; and

WHEREAS, veterans are now returning to our community from active, wartime duty in Iraq (Operation Iraqi freedom) and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom); and,

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2019, Raleigh/Wake County is hosting the Capital Area Homeless Veterans Stand Down to assist local veterans experiencing homelessness access a wide range of services and connect with service providers in one place on one day with the ultimate goal of becoming employed, obtaining housing and achieving stability in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, in support of the 2019 Capital Area Homeless Veterans Stand Down and in support of the estimated 200 veterans expected to attend and receive assistance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, proclaims November 1, 2019, as

"Capital Area Veterans Stand Down Day"

in Wake County and urges citizens, businesses, civic organizations and faith communities to support this and other efforts to end and prevent homelessness in our community.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of October 2019.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners