



City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida Mayor's Proclamation Veterans Day

WHEREAS, we are blessed as Americans to live in a nation with rights and freedoms envied the world over. We rise every morning in a land of opportunities in a vigorous and open economic, agricultural, and industrial marketplace enjoying bountiful good as no other nation. These rights, freedoms, and opportunities did not come without sacrifices. Our nation's veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, were willing to put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberties of others; and

WHEREAS, each November 11, we pause with solemn pride and heartfelt gratitude to honor this special group of Americans who have sacrificed so much that we may reap the rewards of living in a free nation. As we sit down to dinner and fall asleep beneath the comfort of our democracy and realize that we can raise our families under liberty's open skies, we should thank the veterans who have served so gallantly; and

WHEREAS, there are soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coastguardsmen, National Guard and Reserve forces based in Florida who are among the United States forces serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other lands abroad. These American citizens are risking their lives and enduring extreme hardships to preserve our freedom; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, we must take the opportunity to say "thank you" to our veterans and active duty forces, never forgetting their valor and dedication and especially remembering our disabled veterans. They deserve our honor and respect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Marathon City Council of Marathon, Florida, does hereby proclaim that on Veterans Day, November 11, 2019, we urge our citizens to commend its observance.

Steven Cook, Mayor

November 12, 2019
Date