



DECLARING NOVEMBER 11, 2023 AS VETERANS DAY

Whereas, Throughout American History, generations of patriots have bravely served in our military and sacrificed much to protect our country and preserve democracy around the world: and

Whereas, More than 125,000 American men and women have been held captive by hostile powers during their military service, and more than 83,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War; and

Whereas, In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans Day proclamation calling on our nation to “pay appropriate homage to the Veterans of all it’s wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation; and

Whereas, Our Nation has fought and continues to fight battles around the world. The words of that first proclamation still rings true. “Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air and on foreign shores to preserve our heritage of freedom and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain”; and

Whereas, We remember with somber and grateful hearts those men and women who have served the United States of American with distinction and valor as sailors, soldiers, airmen and Marines and offer our sincere prayers for those who continue to defend the principles on which our nation was founded; and

Whereas, The city of Salida, Colorado and surrounding areas is home to more than 25,000 veterans and thousands of our military families. We are proud to recognize our country’s Veterans and extended families and extend our appreciation of our citizens to those who wear the uniform of the United States Armer Forces and served or have served on the front lines preserving our freedoms and liberty; and

Now, therefore, I, Dan Shore, Mayor of Salida, Colorado do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day for our city and encourage all residents and families to observe the sacrifices and contributions of our Veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad.

Dan Shore, Mayor

Date