

**City of St. Helens**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
By Mayor Jennifer Massey

*National Veterans and Military Families Month*  
*November 2025*

WHEREAS, this month, our Nation honors the strength and sacrifices of veterans and military families, caregivers, and survivors. Our veterans and active military represent the very best of America and their families and caregivers who support them are examples of what America stands for. They may not wear uniforms, but their service is essential to our national security and the character of our Nation. We owe them all a debt of gratitude that we can never fully repay; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, held on November 11 of each year, has been a significant day in America since 1919. It is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; and

WHEREAS, constant tours, deployments, and rotations are difficult for our military families. The devotion of these families and their resilience to uproot their lives every few years and move to a new community is to be commended; and

WHEREAS, we honor the courage and resolve of veterans, active-duty personnel, and military families; and

WHEREAS, we grieve alongside families of the fallen who have lost a piece of their soul. That is why we must take seriously the sacred obligation to prepare and equip our service members when we send them into harm's way and to care for them and their families when they return home; and

WHEREAS, to be a veteran or a service member is to have endured and survived challenges most Americans will never know. To be the family of one of those proud patriots is to sacrifice more for our country than most Americans will ever give; and

WHEREAS, during National Veterans and Military Families Month, we pay homage to the unrelenting bravery and dedication of all who wear or have worn the uniform and to the unwavering love and support of all the families who serve alongside them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Massey, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, do recognize the month of November 2025, as National Veterans and Military Families Month. I call upon the people of St. Helens to honor veterans, active-duty personnel, and military families with your heartfelt gratitude.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Helens to be affixed at St. Helens City Hall on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

MAYOR:

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Jennifer Massey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder