

The City of East Peoria



Proclamation

WHEREAS, upon the 67th anniversary of the Military Armistice Agreement, we honor all who served in the Korean War, and we pay lasting tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives for our Nation.

WHEREAS, sixty-seven years ago, the Communist invasion of the Republic of Korea summoned a generation of Americans to serve. Through three years of combat, American service members and allied forces overcame some of the most unforgiving conditions in modern warfare. They weathered bitter winters and punishing heat, and yet, they fought on with courage and distinction often outgunned and outmanned.

WHEREAS, we honor the tens of thousands of Americans who gave their lives defending a country they had never known and a people they had never met. Their legacy lives on not only in the hearts of the American people, but in a Republic of Korea that is free and prosperous; an alliance that is stronger than ever before; and a world that is safer for their service.

WHEREAS, shortly after the Military Armistice Agreement was signed, President Dwight D. Eisenhower noted that "with special feelings of sorrow and of solemn gratitude we think of those who were called upon to lay down their lives in that far off land to prove once again that only courage and sacrifice can keep freedom alive upon the earth."

WHEREAS, six decades later, we renew that call to honor and reflect. Now and forever, let us keep faith with our Korean War veterans by upholding the ideals they fought to protect, and by supporting them with the care and respect they so deeply deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN P. KAHL, Mayor of the City of East Peoria, Illinois do hereby proclaim July 27, 2020, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon all citizens to observe this day that honors our distinguished Korean War veterans.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of East Peoria to be affixed this 21st day of July 2020.



John P. Kahl
MAYOR

Morgan R. Cadwalader
ATTEST: CITY CLERK