



PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded by Superior Court Judge Robert Marx, a U.S. Army Captain and War World I disabled veteran, in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 25, 1920; and

Whereas, the idea to form the Disabled American Veterans arose at a Christmas party in 1919 hosted by Judge Robert Marx, injured in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in November 1918, the second deadliest battle in American history, resulting in over 350,000 casualties including 26,277 American lives; and

Whereas, September 25, 2020, the DAV celebrates 100 years serving veterans of the Armed Forces, their families, survivors, and communities; and

Whereas, the DAV is dedicated to a sole purpose of empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity; and

Whereas, the DAV accomplishes this by ensuring veterans including men and women from the Village of Woodmere and their families have access to the full range of benefits available by advocating for the interests of injured military heroes and by educating the public about the needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life; and

Whereas, the DAV also provides outreach programming concerning programs and services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically; and

Whereas, the DAV has worked tirelessly for equal access to critical caregiver benefits and services for severely disabled veterans resulting in legislation to expand eligibility to those injured prior to September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the DAV advocates for equitable benefits and services for women and minority veterans and to improve veterans' mental health care and suicide prevention efforts; and

Whereas, the DAV Chapter in Cuyahoga County and regional office at 1240 East 9th Street demonstrates its unending commitment to ill and injured veterans of all generations and conflicts; and

Whereas, the Village of Woodmere is proud to honor the distinguish service of the members of the Disabled American Veterans.

Now, Therefore, I, Benjamin I. Holbert, III, Mayor of the Village of Woodmere, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2020, as "Disabled American Veterans Day" in the Village of Woodmere, Ohio, and commend its observances to all citizens:

I further affixed my signature to this proclamation on this the 25th day of September, the year of our Lord, 2020.

Benjamin I. Holbert, III
Mayor/Safety Director